

Professor Emeritus Berniece Wagner



Ms. Berniece ("Bea") Wagner, a founding faculty member of our School of Nursing, passed away on Wednesday August 12, 2009, at the age of 85. Ms. Wagner was instrumental to the establishment of our nursing programs. She and Dean Marguerite Coffman were the original full-time faculty for the School of Nursing, when the first class was admitted in 1965. She also designed the School of Nursing pin that is still being used today.

Ms. Wagner served as chair of the Department of Medical-Surgical Nursing, and later became Assistant and then Associate Dean for Student Affairs for the School of Nursing, before retiring in 1988.

Ms. Wagner was a strong, outspoken advocate for the nursing profession, nursing education, and for the School of Nursing, and supported the establishment of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Ms. Wagner's passing is a great loss to all of us.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17, at University Lutheran Church in the Ecumenical Religious Center adjacent to the UW-Eau Claire campus. Family and friends may call from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services at the church. Flowers from the College of Nursing and Health Sciences have been sent and Interim Dean Mary Zwygart-Stauffacher and faculty will be in attendance.

Memorials are preferred to the Berniece Wagner Nursing Scholarship Fund of the UW-Eau Claire Foundation, P.O. Box 4004, Eau Claire, WI 54702 or www.uwec.edu/fndn.

Read a full obituary and express condolences online at http://www.lenmarkfh.com/obit_details.php?obitID=1970.