

DR. JOANNE STEVENSON:

Author, Educator, Researcher, Nurse

Joanne S. Stevenson, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor in the MCCN master's program, died last week following a battle with cancer. Dr. Stevenson had been on the faculty here since June 2003. "We have been so blessed to have her with us and will really miss her," said **Ann Schiele, PhD, RN**, President/Dean.

"Joanne's passing is a great loss to the College, to the profession of nursing, and to the healthcare industry. Her brilliant mind, her passion for research, and her dedication to preparing the future generations of nurse leaders contributed so much to the excellence of nursing care and education. Her work and insights will continue to be influential for years to come," added Dr. Schiele.

Dr. Stevenson, a nationally recognized nurse leader and trail-blazing nurse researcher, was the recipient of numerous awards and honors for her advancement of research in nursing.

Dr. Stevenson published six books, almost 100 nursing articles, and received four American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year Awards. She was listed in *Who's Who of the World*, and selected to the most elite nursing organizations in the United States. She was a Fulbright Senior Scholar (1995-1996) to Florianopolis, Brazil.

Dr. Stevenson earned her degrees at The Ohio State University (OSU). She held numerous leadership positions at the OSU College of Nursing and retired as professor emerita from OSU in 1995. Dr. Stevenson then served Rutgers University in New Jersey as Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Research and Director of their Graduate Programs from 1997-2002. She retired from there with the status of Professor Emerita in 2002.

"I recruited Joanne to MCCN in June 2003 to guide the development of our master's program," said Dr. Schiele. "She continued, until her death, as a part time professor in the graduate program, teaching, and guiding faculty in scholarly work. She was the principal writer of the College's first significant grant — over \$300,000 for the start up of the graduate program."

Dr. Stevenson made several other contributions to MCCN during her tenure here, including Graduate Council, Faculty Assembly, Director of Research Facilitation, and Coordinator of the AACN Accreditation Self Study and Report.

Nationally, internationally, and locally, she served on several editorial and advisory boards, led task forces, and served as a consultant to numerous organizations and institutions.

Dr. Stevenson's research and clinical interests included healthy aging and gerontology/geriatrics, with a focus on health promotion and optimal functioning in middle age and older adulthood for women. Specifics included exercise and strength training and prevention/case finding/recovery from drug and alcohol abuse/dependency among middle-aged and older women.

Her research findings in these areas have the potential to improve the nursing care of individuals and healthcare for a whole generation of women.

Contributions in Dr. Stevenson's memory may be made to a Mount Carmel College of Nursing scholarship fund established in her honor. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduate student who has an interest in nursing research. Please forward your donation to **Jan Burkey**, Director of Development at MCCN.



Mount Carmel College of Nursing Bids Farewell to Dr. Joanne Stevenson

MEMORIAL SERVICE OF CELEBRATION IN MEMORY OF DR. JOANNE S. STEVENSON

**Monday, February 15, at 2 p.m.
MSB Auditorium**

We invite Dr. Stevenson's colleagues at MCCN and OSU, and anyone interested in honoring Dr. Stevenson to join us.