

Shirley Carpenter Endowment Scholarship Fund

Shirley is in the 'top ten' nonphysician workers who helped expand the osteopathic profession. Please join me in contributing to this scholarship fund. - Mitch Kasovac, DO, AOA President 1990-1991

The Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation (NWOMF) awards an Endowed Scholarship Fund in memory of Shirley Carpenter whose work and passion touched so many in the osteopathic medical profession. The NWOMF'S policy for the Shirley Carpenter fund is that it will go to an osteopathic medical student from Montana, as Montana groups and individuals have donated a great majority of the funds for this scholarship over its 20-plus years of existence.

To contribute to this special fund in memory of Shirley, please complete the donation form or donate online. <http://www.nwoste.org/carpenter-scholarship-fund/>.

Recommended by Mitch Kasovac, DO, Shirley Carpenter served as the AOA's Northwest Regional Manager assisting small emerging states to set up osteopathic state associations. Shirley in every sense created the job and made it her own, setting an incredibly high standard in all that she did. Her commitment to getting small associations up and on their feet was remarkable.

Masterfully seeing what assets and unique strengths each state had, Shirley adeptly built on those assets with a no-nonsense, common-sense approach, bringing to bear all the AOA

support she could muster. She expertly prepared documentation for associations interested in becoming nonprofit organization and educated association members in the art of organizing successful and academically rigorous CME trainings.



Shirley was always there, holding a hand or leading the charge. A tremendous resource, she regularly attended state association meetings and sensitively mentored many a DO through organizational and community outreach challenges. Shirley was a talented woman of consummate skill who also was quite funny, impeccably honest, extremely caring, deeply involved in her community and a woman who loved to dance!

She made an unforgettable impression on virtually everyone. Before her impressive track record with the AOA, she worked in Physician Services at Phoenix General Osteopathic Hospital. Shirley remained passionate about life and worked tirelessly to support "her" states until 2003 when she lost her struggle against stomach cancer.

She had two children and four grandchildren who were the love of her life.



In Memoriam

Campbell. He also served as a preceptor at Midwestern University's Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in Downers Grove, Ill.

Dr Cooper was a member of the AOA. Dr Cooper is survived by his wife, April, three sons, three daughters and one sister.

Jessie E. Coopridge, DO, Chillicothe, Mo., died on May 8 at Indian Hills Nursing Home in Chillicothe, Mo.

A native of Van Buren, Ark., Dr Coopridge attended Avila College in Kansas City, Mo. She received her osteopathic medicine degree in 1980 from the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (UHSCOM) in Kansas City, Mo. She interned at the college in 1981.

An AOA board-certified family physician, Dr Coopridge practiced for nearly 20 years in Tipton, Ind., and four Missouri communities—Kearney, Cameron, Dicke and Chillicothe. She was a former medical director of the Missouri Women's Prison in Chillicothe.

Dr Coopridge belonged to the AOA and the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. She also served as president of the UHSCOM Alumni Association.

Dr Coopridge is survived by her husband, Thomas, two sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren.

Douglas W. Frantz, DO, Frankfort, Mich., died on April 3 at Grand Traverse Pavilions in Traverse City, Mich.

Dr Frantz was a practical family physician for almost 30 years in Detroit and Traverse City. He was affiliated with the former Traverse City Osteopathic Hospital.

Dr Frantz was a member of Social Services Board at Grand Traverse Pavilions.

An AOA life member, Dr Frantz belonged to the Michigan Osteopathic Association.

Dr Frantz practiced family medicine for 55 years in Basking Ridge. He was a former

Profession mourns AOA staff member and volunteer leader

The osteopathic medical profession has lost two of its friends—Shirley Carpenter (right), an AOA life member, and Helene E. Brewer, a longtime volunteer and auxiliary member.

Serving the states—Carpenter died on July 25—her 88th birthday. She had worked for the AOA since 1981, when she was hired as the first regional manager. She managed the Northwest Region, which includes 11 states.

Carpenter was born and raised in Smyrna, Pa. After living in Cincinnati, she moved to Colorado where she volunteered at John C. Lincoln Hospital.

In 1981, she joined the former Phoenix General Hospital as the director of volunteer services, later serving as the director of special services.

In 1983, Carpenter was instrumental in creating the Arizona Foster Care Review Board, the first volunteerism with the organization for 20 years.

During the last few months of her life, Carpenter received hundreds of cards, letters and phone calls from the many friends she made during her years of service to the osteopathic medical profession.

Brewer is survived by one son, two granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

Mary Vitucci

Shirley Carpenter was survived by her husband, the Rev. Arlene, three sons, one daughter, one brother and three grandchildren.

Vincent M. Frost Jr., DO, 87, of Piermont, NY, died on April 9. Fellowship Village Retirement Community, Piermont, N.Y.

A native of East Orange, NJ, Dr Frost earned his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree in 1939 from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine of A.T. Still University of Health Sciences.

Dr Frost practiced family medicine for 55 years in Basking Ridge. He was a former

Carpenter is survived by one son, one daughter, four granddaughters and one grandson.

Contributions may be made in Carpenter's memory to the Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation in Phoenix.

Dedication to auxiliaries—Helene Elizabeth Brewer, 96, died Sept. 10 at Hartford (Conn.) Hospital. She was the wife of late Dart F. Brewer, DO.

In Leviston, Mich., Brewer was the director of volunteers at the Chicago Osteopathic Hospital and Medical Center from 1962 to 1971. She was active in the Chicago Osteopathic Women's Auxiliary.

Brewer had been a florist, owning her own Hyde Park Flower Shop in Chicago. In 1947, she became a member of the top group of floral arrangements. During World War II, she made the news for filling 150 Easter flower orders from soldiers via "Victory Mail," also known as V-Mail. One of those orders went to President Franklin D. Roosevelt and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Brewer is survived by one son, two granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

Nancy Vitucci

Shirley Carpenter was a member of the board of the Indiana Osteopathic Association.

Dr Frost was an AOA life member. He also belonged to the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, which he served as treasurer and vice president.

An accomplished cellist, Dr Frost performed with the Rewards Chamber Ensemble, the Round Brook Symphony, the Society of Musical Arts in Maplewood, NJ, and the American String Teachers Association at Princeton University in Princeton, NJ.

Dr Frost is survived by two daughters and two grandchildren.

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ing Home to recruit an additional DO to its staff.

Nevada. The Nevada Osteopathic Medical Association holds a yearly CME conference with the Utah Osteopathic Medical Association. The Nevada Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners meets once a year. It is still a small CME program, numerous exhibitors, and 400 registrants make this a successful conference.

New Mexico. The New Mexico Osteopathic Medical Association is its efforts to improve the operations of its office.

The association's annual convention was held this year during the Fourth of July weekend to allow families to participate.

Wyoming. The Wyoming Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (WAOPS) is an up-and-coming group. What Wyoming DOs lack in numbers, they make up for in enthusiasm.

WAOPS President Karen E. Brungardt, DO, is projecting that the association will hold its first CME meeting in the summer of 1992. Some time before consideration of the meeting in northern Wyoming and a meeting at Jackson Hole, Wyo. Also under consideration is a combined meeting with another state association.

Dr Brungardt and Shirley Carpenter, AOA Northwest regional representative, are coming to all the DOs in Wyoming, in part to get them to pay their state dues so that seed money is available for this project.

—Shirley Carpenter

Montana DOs set example for small states

The meeting that the Montana Osteopathic Association (MOA) held in early May was an excellent example of what a small group of DOs can do with a continuing medical education (CME) program.

Nine DOs from around the state attended the meeting, which was held in Lewiston, Mont. These physicians almost never get a chance to interact because they are all exceptionally busy solo practitioners working in rural communities.

Many issues confront Montana's DOs. For example, many low-income families, including a large number of American Indians, live in the state. The DOs must rely on their own skills for most medical decisions because no specialists are needed to call upon for advice. Those DOs who are often solo hospitals are frequently the only physicians on staff. If they are the only physicians in their community, these facilities are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Getting away to attend even nearby CME conferences is difficult.

Each DO paid for his meals and accommodations, and most brought their families.

All nine DOs received each other's addresses and e-mail addresses so they can keep in touch.

Each DO was asked to improve their CME program and to encourage all osteopathic physicians in Montana to attend.

—Shirley Carpenter