Alaska Women's Hall *of* Fame

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Tuesday, May 1, 2018
Doors open at 5pm
First Baptist Church

1100 W. 10th Ave, Anchorage
Ceremony starts at 6pm

Admission free. Light refreshments served.
Donations accepted. For information on the ceremony, call 907-279-4836.

The Alaska Women's Hall of Fame is dedicated to honoring, in perpetuity, women whose contributions have influenced the direction of Alaska in any field.

www.AlaskaWomensHallofFame.org

History

The Alaska Women's Hall of Fame was initiated in 2008 as Alaska prepared to observe the 50th Anniversary of statehood. Individual women collaborated with representatives from the Zonta Club of Anchorage, the Alaska Women's Network, YWCA Anchorage, the Alaska Women for Political Action, the Anchorage Women's Commission, and the University of Alaska Anchorage to insure that the contributions of women were included in the statehood celebration. Together, they created the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame, which is a virtual hall located on the internet. The website is www.alaskawomenshalloffame.org. It includes the biography, photograph and most recently, the acceptance remarks made by inductees. All materials are available and accessible for public use.

Annually, nominations are solicited from across the state. Anyone may nominate a woman. Nominees may be living or deceased and must have lived in Alaska at some point in her life. If a nominee is living, she must be at least 65 years of age by the closing date for the nominations. A nominee's contributions should be of community, state-wide or of national importance and of enduring value. Previous inductees review the nominations and select each new class of honorees.

The Alaska Women's Hall of Fame is a non-profit corporation holding 501(c)(3) status. Donations are gratefully appreciated. The Zonta Club of Anchorage is responsible for the maintenance of the website. In the first decade the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame has inducted 184 women. Their biographies and photos have been used by researchers worldwide. For the first years the biographies were edited by Gail West, who passed in 2017.

Since 2008 the President of the Board of Directors has been Susan Olsen. She passed on April 8, 2018. She was a steady and generous woman who skillfully lead a small group of women to establish and sustain the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame. She said it has been "the capstone of her life". We honor her leadership and her service.

Original Board members include Susan Olsen, Jane Angvik, Bonnie Jack, Pamela Kendrick, Mary Whitmore and Arliss Sturgulewski. They have been joined by Judy Brady, Rosemary Dunn, Anita Halterman, Hilary Morgan, Judy Owens-Manley, and Gail Phillips.

2009-2018 Inductees

- *Ada Wien*
- *Alberta Daisy Schenck Adams*
- *Alice (Snigaroff) Petrivelli*
- *Alice Brown*
- *Alice Dove (Montgomery) Kull*
- *Alice Johnstone*
- *Alice Stevenson Green*
- *Ann Mary (Cherrington) Stevens*
- *Anne P. (Pelizzoni) Lanier, M.D.*
- *Annie Aghnaqa (Akeya) Alowa*
- *Arliss Sturgulewski*
- *Arne (Bulkeley) Beltz*
- *Audrey Aanes*
- *Barbara Sweetland Smith*
- *Beatrice "Bea" Rose*
- *Betti Cuddy*
- *Bettye J. Davis*
- *Beverely D. Dunham*
- *Blanche McSmith*
- *Carol Comeau*
- *Carol Swartz*
- *Caroline Wohlforth*
- *Carolyn (Huntsman) Covington*
- *Carolyn Floyd*
- *Carolyn Jones*
- *Cathryn "Cathy" (Robertson) Rasmuson*
- *Celia Hunter*
- *Changunak Antisarlook Andrewuk "Sinrock Mary"*
- *Clare Swan*
- *Connie Boochever*
- *Cornelia Hatcher*
- *Crystal Brilliant (Snow) Jenne*
- *Daisy Lee (Anderson) Bitter*
- *Dana Fabe*
- *Daphne Elizabeth Brown*
- *Della Keats*
- *Diddy R. M. (Seyd) Hitchins, Ph.D. MBE*
- *Dixie (Johnson) Belcher*
- *Dolly Farnsworth*
- *Dora Sweeney*
- *Dorothy (Guzz) Page*
- *Dorothy Awes Haaland*
- *Dorothy M. (Knee) Jones, Ph.D.*
- *Edna Ahgeak MacLean, Ph.D.*
- *Elizabeth (Fuller) Elsner, Ph.D.*
- *Edith Bullock*
- *Elaine Abraham*
- *Eleanor Andrews*
- *Eliza (Peter) Jones*
- *Elizabeth "Betsy" Ann Tower, M.D.*
- *Elizabeth "Betty" Parent*
- *Elizabeth Peratrovich*
- *Ellen "Nellie" Cashman*
- *Ellen Paneok*
- *Elsa Malapit Sargento*
- *Elvira Voth*
- *Emily Morgan*
- *Esther Wunnicke*
- *Ethel Lund*
- *Evangeline Atwood*
- *Fran Ulmer*
- *Frances Howard*
- *Francine Conat Lastufka Taylor*
- *Frederica de Laguna*
- *Georgianna Lincoln*
- *Gertrude M. Wolfe*
- *Grace Berg Schaible*
- *Gretchen Bersch*
- *Hannah Solomon*
- *Hazel Heath*
- *Helen Fischer*
- *Helen Nienhueser*
- *Helen Stoddard Whaley, M.D.*
- *Irene Rowan*
- *Irene Ryan*
- *Jane Ruth Angvik*
- *Jane Vallett Sutherland Niebergall*
- *Janet (Walker) McCabe*
- *Janie Leask*
- *Jeanmarie (Larson) Crumb, Ed.D.*
- *Jewell Jones*
- *Jo (Hayenga) Michalski*
- *Jo Ryman Scott*
- *Joan Hurst*
- *Joerene Savikko Hout*
- *Juanita Lou (Lauesen) Helms*
- *Judith "Judy" (King) Brady*
- *Karen L. Hunt*
- *Katharine "Kit" Crittenden*
- *Katherine Nordale*
- *Kathleen "Mike" Michael (Fitzpatrick) Dalton*
- *Kathryn Dyakanoff Seller*
- *Katie Hurley*
- *Katie John*
- *Kay Fanning*
- *Kay Muriel (Townsend) Linton*
- *L. Arlene "Buddy" Clay*
- *Lael Morgan*
- *Laura Mae Bergt*
- *Leah Webster Peterson*
- *Lena Morrow Lewis*
- *Leonie von Zesch, D.D.S.*
- *Lidia Selkregg*
- *Lisa Murkowski*
- *Lisa Rudd*
- *Lorene Harrison*
- *Lorrie Louise (Angelo) Horning*
- *Louise Kellogg*
- *Lucy Evely Cuddy*
- *Lucy Frey*
- *Lydia Black*
- *Mahala Ashley Dickerson*
- *Margaret Lowe*
- *Marge Mullen*
- *Margy K. Johnson*
- *Marie (Hanna) Darlin*
- *Marie (Nick) Meade*
- *Marie Matsuno Nash*
- *Marlene Johnson*
- *Martha M. Roderick*
- *Marvel Crosson*
- *Mary Jane (Evans) Fate*
- *Mary Joyce*
- *Mary Kathryn "Kay" Brown*
- *Mary Laurie (Espinosa) Epperson*
- *Mary Lou (Neville) King*
- *Mary Louise Rasmuson*
- *Mary Taylor "Tay" Pryor Thomas*
- *Michelle "Mish" Ridgway*
- *Mildred Robinson Hermann*
- *Nan Elaine "Lanie" Fleischer*
- *Nancy (Elliott) Sydnam, M.D.*
- *Natalya Shelikof*
- *Nell Scott*
- *Neva Egan*
- *Nora Marks Dauenhauer*
- *Nora Venes Guinn*
- *Orah Dee Clark*
- *Patricia B. Wolf*
- *Paula Easley*
- *Pauline Utter*
- *Peg Tileston*
- *Poldine (Demoski) Carlo*
- *Ramona Gail (McIver) Phillips*
- *Rie Munoz*
- *Rita (Pitka) Blumenstein*
- *Rosita Worl*
- *Ruth Anne Marie Schmidt, Ph.D.*
- *Ruth E. Moulton*
- *Ruth Elin Hall Ost*
- *Ruth Jefford*
- *S Anne Newell*
- *Sadie Neakok*
- *Sandra "Sandy" (Gross) Harper*
- *Sarah Agnes James*
- *Sarah Palin*
- *Sharon Richards*
- *Shirley Holloway, Ph.D.*
- *Shirley Mae (Springer) Staten*
- *Sisters of Providence*
- *Susan Butcher*
- *Susan Ruddy*
- *Tennys Thornton (Bowers) Owens*
- *Teri May (Laws) Rofkar*
- *Thelma (Perse) Langdon*
- *Thelma Buchholdt*
- *Tikasuk "Emily" (Ivanoff) Brown*
- *V. Kay Lahdenpera*
- *Verna E. Pratt*
- *Virginia "Ginny" Hill Wood*
- *Wilda Hudson*
- *Wilda Marston*

Poldine (Demoski) Carlo

Achievement in:
Alaska Native Community Leadership
1920 -

Poldine Carlo, an Athabascan Indian, was born December 5, 1920 in Nulato, Alaska. She was a founding member, along with three others in the formation of the Fairbanks Native Association (FNA), setting the stage to what has become an organization leading changes in the community through service and legislation over the years. Her knowledge, wisdom, and persistence have guided the creation and growth of FNA. What started as four people meeting around Carlo's kitchen table has grown into a multi-million dollar organization with staff of over 200.

Carlo is also an active member of the Denakkanaaga Board of Directors, the University of Alaska Chancellor's Advisory Committee, Alaska Native Education Advisory Board, North Star Borough Senior Citizens Commission, Alaska Bicentennial Commission Board, Aboriginal Senior Citizens of Alaska and many other organizations, including the Koyukon Athabascan Singers. She serves as an elder/mentor during the World Eskimo/Indian Olympics and can be seen participating in every Doyon, Limited shareholder meeting. Through her early demonstration of gathering people, Carlo continues to accept any opportunity to show support to those in times of need by volunteering her support. For more than 15 years, Carlo shared Athabascan traditions with children through a program of cultural enrichment in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, continuing to teach different groups today upon request.

Awards and Honors Received:

. *2001 UAF Honorary Doctorate of Law Degree*
. *2012 Hannah Paul Solomon "Woman of Courage" award*
. *2015 BP Golden Citizens Chieftain award*
. *Poldine Carlo FNA Head Start Building*
. *Farthest North Girl Scout Council Women of Distinction award, based on a nominee's accomplishments and their role as mentors for other women.*

She is also an accomplished author, with the publication of Nulato: An Indian Life on the Yukon.

Jeanmarie (Larson) Crumb, Ed.D.

Achievement in:
Education
1945 -

Born in Fairbanks, Alaska to an Athabaskan mother and Scandinavian- heritage father, Crumb has served Alaska in the arenas of education, health, and politics. She attended Fairbanks public schools, and went on to graduate from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Harvard Graduate School of Education, and holds a doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Southern California. Crumb was honored to serve as the President/Executive Director of the Cook Inlet Native Association, forerunner of the Southcentral Foundation. She worked as a Project Coordinator for the Alaska Rural Teacher Training Corps and later led the Community Relations Department for the Anchorage School District. In that position she oversaw several programs serving the needs of parents and students from the many cultural groups in the city. She was instrumental in laying the groundwork for East High's School Within a School for Alaska Native Students. Other achievements with lasting effect included working with students whose families were eligible for Migrant Education services. After-- school tutoring and summer Outdoor Education camps were positive influences on the lives of children. In addition ,she worked for the Alaska Native Health Board and the State of Alaska Division of Health and Social Services in rural tobacco reduction.

In the arena of community service, Crumb ran for public office in 1990, as the Green Party candidate for Lt. Governor (Jim Sykes' running mate).Between 1995 and 1999, she was privileged to attend the Barbara Brennan School of Healing and is a certified energy healer. Jeanmarie was honored by a listing in Who's Who of American Women 1989-1990 edition.

Frederica de Laguna

Achievement in:
Anthropology
1906-2004

de Laguna was a pioneer in anthropology whose contributions to understanding indigenous peoples stand as the definitive work for many Alaskan cultures. Her career spanned almost four decades, 1930-1968, and included research in Cook Inlet, Prince William Sound, the middle Yukon River, Copper Center and Yakutat. Her three-volume tome, Under Mount Saint Elias remains the definitive description of the Yakutat Tlingit who honored her with a clan name.

After graduating with honors from Bryn Mawr College in politics and economics, de Laguna took her Ph.D. at Columbia University under Franz Boas, her friend, mentor and father of American anthropology. In 1929, fieldwork in Greenland with the great Danish anthropologist, Therkel Mathiesen, launched her lifetime fascination with the Arctic.

A carved stone bowl with a human figure enticed de Laguna to travel to Cook Inlet where she conducted archaeological fieldwork 1930–1932. Describing, defining and naming the Kachemak Culture (Kachemak tradition), resulted in her first book, The Archaeology of Cook Inlet, Alaska, which remains the definitive description of the Kachemak people.

de Laguna was brilliant, curious, fearless, dedicated and persistent. She was a gifted writer and photographer as evidenced in many professional papers and books published (1934-2004). Her writings focused on archaeology and then ethnography when understanding the lives of living Natives became her passion. As a woman, de Laguna interviewed Native women, a privilege usually not available to male anthropologists.

At Bryn Mawr, de Laguna founded and chaired the anthropology department, teaching for 40 years, mentoring and inspiring others, especially young women. She demonstrated that women could be scholars and leaders in the male-dominated field of anthropology. In a career full of honors and awards, receiving the life-long achievement award in 1993 from the Alaska Anthropology Association was especially gratifying.

Mary Laurie (Espinosa) Epperson

Achievement in:
Advocacy for Community Arts and Education
1922-2016

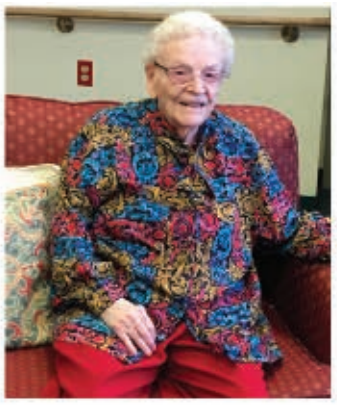
Mary Epperson inspired and built the arts community in Homer, Alaska and the southern Kenai Peninsula. She was also a most influential piano teacher who for approximately sixty years gave piano lessons to children and adults. Students learned to play the piano and to love music and were mentored to bring out all their abilities. While influencing through private lessons, Epperson's actions in the public sphere created Homer's vibrant arts community for all citizens. She founded the Homer Council on the Arts; was a funding trustee of the Homer Community Foundation; helped start the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra; created a drop-in "arts community center" in her music studio; and supported and encouraged other arts organizations including the Pier One Theatre, Inlet Winds and Homer Youth String Orchestra Club.

Epperson was deeply interested in lifetime learning opportunities, serving on the Campus Advisory Board of the Kachemak Bay Campus, Kenai Peninsula College, for thirty years, many as chair. She campaigned extensively for campus facilities to be located in Homer and lobbied for many of the certificate, degree programs and services now offered. The UoA Board of Regents 2011 Meritorious Service Award summarized her successful efforts: "…demonstrated profound, unwavering commitment to developing our local campus of the University of Alaska".

She demonstrated what one individual, with energy, vision and passion, can achieve in building a community's institutions. Her many honors include: Homer's Citizen of the Year, 2004; the Governor's Award for the Arts, 1988; Mayor and City Council Proclamation declaring June 6th as "Mary Epperson Day" and the Mary Epperson Campus Support and Scholarship Fund at Kachemak Bay Campus.

Epperson was a loving, modest, humble and generous woman whose profound personal and community influence shaped Homer, its institutions and its people.

Alice Stevenson Green



Achievement in:
Religious and Educational Leadership and Advocacy
1917

Alice Stevenson Green was an educator, one of Alaska's first female Presbyterian religious leaders, and one of Alaska's leading social justice advocates. While women born during her time were limited in the roles they could hold in the church, Green pursued opportunities throughout her life that allowed her to shatter glass ceilings. Green obtained multiple college degrees and taught school in Colorado before moving to Alaska. Green sought assignments within the Presbyterian Church that allowed her to positively influence the policies of the church. In 1945, Green became a Commissioned Church worker, the only Presbyterian Church position available for a single woman in Alaska.

After arriving in Alaska, Green quickly fell in love with the state and the people and joined the ranks of leadership in the Presbyterian community where she advocated for social justice and peace. In 1972, Green became the first women to be ordained as a female Presbyterian minister in Alaska. Green became the first female moderator for the Synod of Alaska-Northwest. Green served as the Chairperson of the Mission Strategy Committee for the Presbytery, helped form the Anchorage chapter of Church Women United, and played an integral part in founding the Anchor Presbyterian Church. Green's involvement in the Nome Presbyterian Church, the churches on St. Lawrence Island and the Anchor Christian Ministries did much to advance the role of women, minorities and Alaska Natives in the church and in Alaska.

After retiring, Green has continued to serve in volunteer roles of both the Korean and Alaska Native Presbyterian Congregations in Anchorage. Green was elected to positions in the National General Assembly and served as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Yukon. Today, Green lives in the Anchorage Pioneer Home.

Lorrie Louise (Angelo) Horning

Achievement in:
Theater Arts and Community Service
1942

Lorrie Horning is best known as the founder of Alaska Junior Theater (1981) which was just one year after she and her family, two young boys and husband, moved to Anchorage. AJT was a grassroots effort started at Horning's kitchen table, and three years later was recognized with an award by the Children's Theater of America. It continues to thrive serving an audience of nearly a million parents and students over time.

Born and raised in Vancouver, Washington, the oldest of four children she married (1965) Morris Horning, who she had known since they were 10-year old neighbors. Her education consists of a BA, Education, 1964, Marylhurst University, Portland and a Masters, Education, 1984, Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage. She began her teaching career in Bellevue, Washington.

Horning has created other, non-theater related entities. While serving as Anchorage Medical Auxiliary President, she developed and organized an infant car seat loaner program, PECABU (Protect Every Child And Buckle Up) (1984). This program operated out of Providence Hospital and Alaska Humana Hospital, making infant seat restraints readily and inexpensively available to newborns.

Horning developed the program The Wish List, a 40-page booklet containing the wishes and specific needs of over 70 Anchorage non-profit organizations. It continued to be published for 13 years. She received the Anchorage Association of Volunteer Administrators Volunteer Award for this project. The Wish List was recognized by the National American Medical Association Alliance.

The awards she has received are many and include: Alaska Women of Achievement, 1990; Distinguished Volunteer Award, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Pacific NW Division, 1984; Alaska First Lady Volunteer Awards, 1982-84 & 1985.

Mary Lou (Neville) King

Achievement in:
Advocacy for Community Arts and Education
1922-2016

For more than fifty years, Mary Lou King has followed her love of nature, education, and her community to benefit those around her. She is known for opening the natural world of Juneau to countless generations of Juneau residents and tourists through her trails work and publications. King is a tireless conservationist whose advocacy made a difference in the preservation of and public access to Southeast Alaska. Finally, she is an educator who helped to establish Sea Week in Juneau and supported it to becoming the field experience for three generations of Juneau students in every grade and classroom in the elementary schools, then guided the expansion of Sea Week to a statewide program for the State of Alaska.

King is one of those rare individuals who have the vision and clarity to know what is needed by a community and the determination and energy to carry that through to fruition. In the early 1980s, she worked with the City Planning Department and identified the public access points to beaches, establishing trails and signage at beach access spots throughout the Borough. King led multiple Juneau conservation societies and published the definitive Juneau trail guide, 90 Short Walks Around Juneau, first printed in 1987 and now in its fourth printing. Mary Lou's conservation work has had national impact and recognition. In the 1970s she worked with the Taku Conservation Society and the Friends of Admiralty to protect Admiralty Island. She was an advocate for countering a plan that would have resulted in a sale of timber of much of the island, which is now a national treasure.

Margaret Lowe

Achievement in:
Education and Advocacy for Special Needs Children and Families
1929

Margaret Lowe dedicated her life to advocacy and program development for children with special needs and their families. Beginning in the 1950s and spanning five decades, she helped build programs and services in Alaska that continue today to help children, adults and families with special needs.

Lowe began her work in an era when children with disabilities were removed from their families and institutionalized. Lowe believed with proper education and support, children with mental or emotional differences could lead productive lives within the community. Lowe achieved much success towards these goals in her lifetime.

Lowe helped found a preschool for special needs children using an innovative curriculum she had developed as a graduate student. When Lowe moved to Anchorage in 1964, she became active in the Parents Association for Retarded Children of Anchorage (now known as the ARC of Anchorage) and worked on legislation that allowed children with mental disabilities to attend public schools.

Lowe worked as a consultant, teacher and program evaluator, and would go on to serve as Director of the State Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, and Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services. She served on many community groups, including the Mental Health Trust Board where she ensured the trust supported a broad array of disabilities. Lowe developed programs that helped families care for special needs children at home.

Margaret Lowe was a pioneer and visionary, and a persistent force of nature who tirelessly advocated for those with developmental disabilities and mental health issues. Through a family-focused approach, she ensured that families learned, grew and thrived as disabled family members received services. Lowe believed we can all be agents of change, and demonstrated this throughout her life.

Edna (Ahgeak) MacLean, Ph.D.

Achievement in:
Education and Documentation of Iñupiaq Language
1944

Dr. MacLean has been a teacher, scholar, community leader and policymaker whose work in education and the documentation of her Iñupiaq language continues to create opportunities and cultural connection for Alaska's Iñupiaq people.

Raised bilingual, MacLean grew up at a time when children were punished for speaking their Native languages in school.

In 1976, with a Bachelors degree and teaching credential, MacLean was hired to develop and teach Iñupiaq language courses at UAF. A fluent speaker, she had to read and write the language for the first time and often found herself learning along with her students. She discovered a passion for the work and a love of research as she began documenting the Iñupiaq language and how best to teach it.

In 1987, MacLean became the state's Special Assistant for Rural Education. Here, she began to see the effect of Alaska's education practices on the success of Native students. Wanting a deeper understanding of the problem, she returned to school, to study the impact of the student and teacher relationship, particularly where they are of different cultures. Eventually, she earned an M.A. from the University of Washington and a Ph.D from Stanford University.

In 1995, MacLean was recruited to be the first president of lisagvik College, Alaska's only accredited tribal college. There, she fulfilled the institution's mission to train and educate residents for the jobs and opportunities in the region.

Throughout her career, Dr. MacLean has continued to document the Iñupiaq language. In 2014, she published an Iñupiaq language dictionary, the culmination of many years of scholarship. The dictionary is one element in her efforts to ensure that the language continues to be spoken and serves as "a source of strength" to her people.

Dorothy (Guzzi) Page

Achievement in:
History, Writing, Community Activism and Local Government
1921 - 1989

Dorothy Page, known as the "Mother of the Iditarod", enlisted the support of Joe Redington Sr., known as the "Father of the Iditarod", to stage the first race in 1967 between Knik and Big Lake. In 1973 the race was run over 1, 000 miles between Anchorage and Nome. Today, "The Last Great Race" is staged each March with mushers from around the world competing in Alaska's premier sporting event.

Page advocated tirelessly to have Congress designate the Iditarod Trail as a National Historic Trail in 1978. Across the U.S., only 16 trails have won this historical designation. The Alaskan trail celebrates the indispensable role played by "man's best friend" in the last great gold rush.

As a writer and editor, Page published the Iditarod's annual race program and edited, The Iditarod Runner. Page also wrote for the Frontiersman and the Valley Sun. She was a member of the Alaska Press Women and National Federation of Press Women and received State and National Press Awards for her publication of the Iditarod Trail Annual.

In the Mat-Su Valley, Page established the Wasilla-Knik-Willow Creek Historical Society, the Wasilla Museum, and Knik Museum. As a public servant Page was on the Wasilla Library Board, Wasilla's Republican Committee, Wasilla City Counsel and served as Mayor of Wasilla. She was recognized for her years of service to the Mat-Su Borough by resolution honoring her "Distinguished Service to the Community".

In 1984, Page was the recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Award, presented by Governor Bill Sheffield. She was the recipient of the Mayor of Wasilla's proclamation honoring Page's life in 1989 and she received the State of Alaska's Legislative Citation by the 16th Alaska Legislature in 1990.

Michelle "Mish" Ridgway

Achievement in:
Marine Ecology and Education, Conservation and Exploration
1963 – 2018

Upon the sudden death of marine scientist, educator and conservationist Michelle Ridgway there was much discussion on social media. One comment, though, seemed to capture them all. It came from former legislator Andrea Doll … "I am mourning the loss of someone greater than life."

Life-long Alaskan Ridgway was, indeed, a larger than life figure. Whether piloting a submarine to explore the ocean's largest undersea canyon, helping document a new species of kelp or whale, fighting for marine conservation across Alaska or building the next generation of Alaskan scientists with her marine science camps…she cut a figure that was at once memorable and impactful.

She was happiest underwater— swimming, diving, or piloting a research submarine— being part of the ocean she loved. She used her intimate knowledge of the ocean to become a fierce advocate for sustainable fisheries, clean water, and seafloor protection. As an advisor on several federal committees, she used her marine ecology acumen to scrutinize marine management decisions that many at the table considered from narrower perspectives.

Alaska is fortunate that Ridgway left her imprint on the next generation of ocean scientists. Beginning in 2005, Ridgway collaborated with local conservationists, school districts, and Native entities to develop and deliver week-long intensive Marine Science Camps. She directed more than a dozen marine science camps in Old Harbor, Juneau, Akutan, the Pribilof Islands, and Sitka Alaska.

She used her first PFD check to get SCUBA-certified so she could spend "the rest of my life being a research diver". Indeed that is what she did, diving on Christmas Day just days before her death. Among her most memorable dives, she piloted a solo submarine during the first exploration of Zhemchug Canyon in the Bering Sea.

Beatrice "Bea" Rose

Achievement in:
Social Justice and Education
1921-2007

Beatrice "Bea" Rose was an educator, long-time Jewish leader in Anchorage, and community activist who worked persistently on social justice issues during her 50 years in Alaska. Advocating for the rights of the disenfranchised, Rose was a role model for many as she carried out the Jewish belief in "Tikkun Olam," the responsibility to repair the world.

Rose moved to Alaska in 1957 after Alaska's Territorial Congressional Delegate Bob Bartlett encouraged her and her husband, Nissel (Mike) Rose, to work on statehood. The young couple quickly threw themselves into causes they felt would strengthen a new, young state.

She helped create and sustain Anchorage's first Jewish synagogue, Congregation Beth Sholom. As a founding member, Rose worked with others to create a vibrant Jewish educational and religious center in a state where Jews constituted an almost invisible minority.

Rose was a long-time leader in education circles, with particular emphasis on special education. Working as a speech therapist with the Anchorage School District for 25 years, Rose assisted students with disabilities, served on the first committee to initiate special education in Alaska, and become the NEA-Alaska Chairperson.

After their son was diagnosed with schizophrenia in 1977, Rose and her husband became unstoppable advocates for mental health. She joined the board of Alaska Mental Health Association and participated in national mental health conferences. Rose worked to destigmatize mental illness and was instrumental in lobbying for passage of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Settlement.

Rose was civic-minded, focused on advancing the rights of women and promoting progressive causes through the Alaska Democratic Party. She is remembered as a loving mother and grandmother, a committed friend, and a role model for many who appreciated her warmth, welcoming spirit and kindness.

CLASS OF 2017 Pictured L-R: Dixie (Johnson) Belcher, Mary Kathryn Brown, Paula Easley, Dr. Elizabeth Elsner, Tennys Thornton Owens, Elizabeth Parent, Cathryn Rasmuson, Teri May Rofkar, Elsa Malapit Sargento, Kathryn Dyakanoff Seller, Carol Swartz

CLASS OF 2016 Pictured (Back L-R): Margy Johnson, Shirley Staten, Janet McCabe, Jo Michalski (Front L-R): Dr. Anne P. Lanier, Sandy Harper, Eliza Jones, Dr. Nancy Sydnam *Not Pictured: Annie Aghnaqa (Akeya) Alowa, Kathleen Dalton, Juanita Lou Helms, Crystal Brilliant Jenne, Alice Petrivelli*

CLASS OF 2015 Pictured L-R: Marie Darlin, Alice Johnstone, Ramona Gail Phillips, Daisy Lee Bitter, Marie Meade Seated: L. Arlene Clay *Not pictured: Laura Mae Bergt, Lucy Evelyn Cuddy, Dolly Farnsworth, Alice Dove Kull, Ruth Anne Marie Schmidt Ph.D., Ann Mary Stevens, Elvera Voth.*

CLASS OF 2014 Pictured L-R: V. Kay Lahdenpera, Janie Leask, Eleanor Andrews, Verna E. Pratt, Jane Angvik, Francine Conat Lastufka Taylor, Jane Vallett Sutherland Niebergall, Beverly D. Dunham, Mary Jane Fate *Not pictured: Katie John, Kay Muriel (Townsend) Linton, Barbara Sweetland Smith, Gertrude M. Wolfe*

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