



Dr. Ida Mae Adolphson

December 13, 1923 - June 30, 2019

Dr. Ida M. Adolphson, 95 year old resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, passed away on June 30, 2019 at Siloam Springs Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was born on December 13, 1923 in Topeka, Kansas, to Carl Adolphson and Grace Downs Adolphson. Beginning at an early age, she was raised by her father Carl Adolphson and her stepmother, Esther Adolphson.

Ida graduated high school in Topeka, and attended the University of Kansas for two years before transferring to John Brown University. After graduating from John Brown University with a Bachelor's Degree in English and Broadcasting, Ida served as a missionary with the Far Eastern Broadcasting Crusade in Manilla, Philippines. She was program director, script writer, and broadcaster.

She returned to John Brown University in 1959 and was Head Resident of Women's Residence Hall, before serving as Dean of Women from 1961-1968. During the summertime, she completed her Master's Degree in Counseling and Behavioral Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Ida served as Assistant Dean of Students for Moody Bible Institute in Chicago from 1968-1973. She returned to John Brown University and served as Director of Counseling 1973-1980. Ida completed her Doctorate of Student Development at the University of Arkansas in 1983. She was Professor of Psychology at John Brown University from 1980-1989, and was awarded Teacher of the Year

in 1989. She was an Adjunct Professor Emeritus from 1989-1998, then Coordinator of Graduate Admissions from 1998 until her retirement in the early 2000's.

Ida was very active in the Siloam Springs community serving on Sager Creek Art Center Board of Directors, the Civitan Club, and was a member of First Presbyterian Church. She was also an officer with Delta Kappa Gamma and a member of National Association of Christian Counselors. She loved to travel and while in the Philippines she spent time in Hong Kong and Japan. She made two cruise trips to Alaska; traveled to Egypt and Israel, and took cruises through the Baltics, down the Rhine River, and her last trip was a cruise through Canada and New England

Ida is survived by her many friends and Sandra VanThiel, Ida's caregiver.

For those who wish to honor Ida with a donation, a contribution can be made to the Dr. Ida Adolphson Endowed Psychology Scholarship Fund at John Brown University. A donation can also be made in her name to Wycliffe Bible Translators, Moody Bible Institute, or Samaritan's Purse.

Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, July 5, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church in Siloam Springs, with Rev. Breck Castleman officiating. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in Siloam Springs at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
201 E. Ashley
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Tribute Wall

JW

“ I have fond memories of Dr. Adolphson not only because I had classes with her, but had several friends who received good counsel and guidance from her. She was such a blessing to JBU and the Siloam Springs community. I think of her as one who kept the faith to the end and a good reward is now hers in heaven, She was such an inspiration to us all. She will be missed,

John Wilson - July 13, 2019 at 11:42 AM

CM

“ Dr. Adolphson was truly an inspiration to me at JBU. What a wonderful person the Lord created! She touched many lives!

Chuck Martin - July 13, 2019 at 09:11 AM

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Wasson Funeral Home - July 05, 2019 at 10:46 AM

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“ *What a treasure Dr. A. was in my life! She gave such wise counsel, and helped my husband and I prepare for a life of marriage together. Scott and I are coming up on 30 years in September, and we can thank her for her graciousness in our lives. She was also an amazing mentor, who encouraged me and loved me, and helped me get into graduate school. What a difference a godly woman can make on one's life, and that woman was Dr A! You are loved, and will be missed, but what a homegoing you must be having!*

Cherise Langenberg - July 05, 2019 at 12:07 AM

RS

“ *I considered Ida a friend during the years I attended First Presbyterian Church. She was a kind, gentle person who had a huge smile for everyone. I shall think of and feel blessed that I knew her.*
Ramona (Potter) Smith

Ramona (Potter) Smith - July 03, 2019 at 01:19 PM

PD

“ *I remember taking classes with Dr. Adolphson as an undergraduate student and seeing that I could have a love for God and learn effective ways to help others at the same time. Her selfless and professional teaching were an example to me as I continued on in the counseling field.*
Peter Duncan

Peter Duncan - July 03, 2019 at 09:13 AM

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Peter, I (and my daughter) went to AR to go to the funeral, it was very special! They talked about how encouraging, and loving she was. Thank you for sharing your thoughts, I agree whole heartedly! Blessings I hope you are well.

Cherise Langenberg - July 06, 2019 at 12:03 AM

MJ

“ I can think of only a handful of people who’ve had a dramatic impact on my life. Dr Ida Adolphson was one of those individuals. She was one of my college professors at JBU. Most importantly she was my college advisor who went above and beyond class schedules and career direction. She was a mom-like mentor while away from home, giving wise counsel, guiding me through issues both emotional and spiritual. If anyone pushed and pulled me through college, it was Dr A! She believed in me.



Mark Johnson - July 02, 2019 at 08:02 PM