

In Memoriam

Arline R. Standley

February 14, 1918-September 21, 2020

Arline R. Standley, Professor Emerita of English, was born on February 14, 1918 in Buffalo, NY. Passionate about learning and about making the world better and more enriched, Arline devoted herself to literature and music. Indeed, she loved to play her violin. An inveterate traveler who began her travels at the age of 17 at Wheaton College, she continued to combine travel and generosity of spirit. One extensive trip demonstrates her generous, thoughtful nature: she spent five years in Brazil as a missionary. Following her service to Brazil, Arline also journeyed to New York, Kentucky, Louisiana, Porto Alegre (Brazil), Barcelona, Iowa, and Indiana.

While in Iowa, Arline earned her Ph.D., subsequently earning a professorship in 1967 in Comparative Literature at what was then Indiana University at Fort Wayne. She remained at IPFW until her retirement in 1986. Her contributions to this campus and the Department of English and Linguistics are reflected in her time as acting chair of the department, during which time she united the two distinct departments of English into one department of English and Linguistics at IPFW. In addition, she established the Arline Standley scholarship for English students, an award the department continues to bestow on deserving students.

Arline's passion for teaching, for reading, and for her students is a lasting tribute to her life's work and remains the foundation of the department's ongoing mission.

Arline is survived by her sister, Nancy Nielsen; nephews: James/Cindy Nielsen & William/Tami Nielsen; grand nephews: Paul & Tim Nielsen; grand nieces: Kirsten/Dan Pickworth & Dana Nielsen; Leslie Nielsen Phelps/Adam Phelps and great grand niece and nephew: Vera & Corbin Pickworth.