



Patricia Rue CoL

May 18, 1926 — June 7, 2010

Patricia Ruh was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 18, 1926. She grew up in a close and loving family. Pat married Richard Ruh in 1948 and they raised six children. Richard died in 1997.

Pat first met Loretto through Loretto Anne Madden when they were both presenters at a program at Iliff Seminary in Denver. Pat said that meeting both Loretto Anne and Karen Madden were forces in her life which led her to decide to complete the degree that she sought 27 years ago before marrying. Working with Marie Catherine Pohndorf, Pat entered the "University Without Walls" program at Loretto Heights College, studying psychology and counseling. In 1980 Pat received her Master's Degree in Social Work with a certification in Gerontology.

Pat says, "My professional career has been short. Counseling with families in crisis, seven months as a temporary treatment specialist at a domestic abuse shelter, working with the Alzheimer Association."

In Pat's volunteer experiences she used the skills she learned under Loretto Anne Madden. Her volunteer experiences included: the Colorado Commission on Aging; Senior Advocate for the Archdiocese of Denver, chosen by Pat Schroeder to serve as a Senior Intern for a week in Washington DC; Grief Education Institute, actively involved in implementation of a Health Care Policy, the Older Women's League –known as OWL; The Denver League of Women Voters,

speaker to groups on end of life issues and membership in the Colorado Social Legislation Committee and the Colorado Health Care Campaign.

As a Loretto co-member, Pat participated in the Tuesday Gospel Group, Monday Mass at the Bridge Community, attendance at a Community Group, and as a member of various Loretto work committees.

In her application for co-membership, Pat says, "The women of Loretto have become role models for me in the years I have lived in Denver. I want to continue to strengthen my ties with them in order to emulate their courage and strengths. I have a great desire to be a part of this community of prayer and action."

Pat, we in Loretto will miss you, and we admire you for recognizing your many gifts and skills and finding good ways of using these skills to bring about change. We have delighted in working and laughing with you and will hold you in our memories.