



Carol Inberg  
March 17, 1922 - May 3, 2009

Dr. Carol Inberg, longtime professor in the College of Business and Economics passed away on May 3, 2009, at the Salem Lutheran Home, where she had been a resident since 2000. She died peacefully at the age of 87.

Carol was a pioneer. She was one of few women back in the 1940s to take on a career as a Certified Public Accountant. Later, she completed her Ph.D. in Business Administration at UC, Berkeley. She then went on to teach accounting at CSUEB, starting in 1963. She completed her dissertation in governmental accounting and taught practically every accounting course offered at CSUEB at that time.

She was Acting Chair of the Department of Accounting in the early 1980s and was instrumental in establishing the Epsilon Chapter of Beta

Alpha Psi, the professional accounting organization on campus. She was faculty advisor to this organization for 10 years. She loved teaching and was dedicated to her students. She was lovingly called the 93silver fox<sup>94</sup> for both her silver hair and her lively personality

and wonderful sense of humor. She often began the Beta Alpha Psi meetings with an enlightening poem. At major business events over the years, professionals and students alike, all knew Professor Carol

Inberg! She was an inspiration for the many students she taught over the years.

Carol was very talented and quite the adventurer, no doubt an inherited trait. Her father was born in Iceland, and her mother, aunt, and grandmother migrated to the Bay Area from a ranch near Red Bluff in a small wagon drawn by a single horse. She loved Yosemite and hiked just about every trail, including Half Dome. One of her favorite hikes was Waterwheel Falls, along the Tuolumne River in the Yosemite National Park. Often, she<sup>92d</sup> bring her harmonica and play a tune around the campfire. She said she learned to play the harmonica because it was easy to pack in on a hike.

Carol lived life to the fullest and her most important companions were the dogs she had along the way particularly George, an Airedale she adopted from the animal shelter. She was an avid opera fan, who attended each year's performances at the S.F. Opera and often ushered

at many opera events. She was a skilled horse rider and, for many years, spent each Saturday morning riding the Oakland hills. She also

swam a mile, four to five days a week. It was hard to keep up with her!

Carol never forgot the generosity shown her when she received a scholarship to attend UC Berkeley and returned the generosity in kind. The Carol Inberg Scholarship is awarded to several students each year at the CBE Awards and Scholarships Presentation and Reception in May. It was always a treat when Carol took the microphone at the event and retold her story about her own scholarship.

Dr. Inberg retired from CSUEB in 1987 and was awarded emeritus status. She participated in the Faculty Early Retirement Program until 1992.

She is survived by the sons of her cousin, James A. Johnstone of Oakland. They are: James C. Johnstone in Fairfield, CA; Douglas W. Johnstone in Castro Valley, CA and Bruce R. Johnstone in Altoona, PA.

Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 1:30 PM at the Salem Lutheran Home, 2361 E. 29th Street, Oakland, CA. 510-534-3637.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the American Diabetes Association.

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