

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

### GERTRUDE LUISE SCHUELKE

(1908-1993)

Gertrude Luise Schuelke, Professor Emerita of German, died on November 25, 1993, in Mountain View, California, at the age of 85. She had been associated with Stanford University for forty-five years.

A native of Indiana, she received her A.B. in 1930 and M.A. in 1933 from Indiana State University, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. For 13 years, she taught high-school and college German in Indiana. During World War II, she served in the Navy for three years, assigned as a Lt. (j.g.) to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations for analytic research in counter intelligence.

Gertrude Schuelke came to Stanford University as a part-time instructor and doctoral student in 1948 and did most of her work here with Professors F.W. Strothman in German and Germanic philology and linguistics, and Kurt F. Reinhardt in German literary and cultural history. She received her doctorate in 1950 with a dissertation on the Danish philosopher Kierkegaard and the German poet Rilke, but chose as her ultimate area of specialization the field of Germanic philology and medieval literature.

A Professor in the Department of Modern European Languages until her retirement in 1973, she regularly taught courses in the History of the German Language, medieval German literature and cultural history as well as graduate seminars on the different Germanic dialects such as Gothic, Old Saxon, Old High German, Old Icelandic and Middle High German. She served as associate executive head of the Department of Modern European Languages for nine years and on numerous presidential and faculty committees.

Gertrude Schuelke is remembered fondly by her former students and colleagues for her wry and down-to-earth manner of rendering her subject matter accessible to her students in the classroom, and for her abiding sense of loyalty and dedication to Stanford University. She is survived by her niece, Mary Schuelke, of Menlo Park, to whom we extend our sympathy.

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