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**FOUNDATION MOURNS PASSING OF ANN GRADY,
HONORARY LIFE MEMBER OF THE BOARD**

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Bethesda, Maryland – The American Occupational Therapy Foundation (AOTF) sadly reports the passing of Dr. Ann Grady. Dr. Grady died on March 18, 2012 in Denver, Colorado from complications of a stroke. She was 77.

Ann Patricia Grady was born in New Haven, Connecticut on April 28, 1935 to James W. Grady and Marion Flanagan Grady. She attended schools in New Haven and graduated from the College of New Rochelle with a bachelor's degree in sociology. She also earned a certificate in occupational therapy from Columbia University, a master's degree from the University of Denver and a doctoral degree in human communications from the University of Denver.

Dr. Grady taught leadership and interdisciplinary teamwork at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, and for many years directed the Occupational Therapy Department at the Children's Hospital in Denver. Ann Grady served as president of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), and also as vice-president of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation (AOTF).

As a respected writer and scholar, Dr. Grady was recognized for her professional accomplishments. She received AOTA's highest scholastic award, the Eleanor Clark Slagle Lecture and earned an Award of Merit for exemplary contributions. She also received AOTF's Meritorious Service Award.

She authored or co-authored many books and publications in the occupational therapy field on topics ranging from pediatric developmental theory to leadership. Dr. Grady's passion in her professional life focused on the inclusion of all people in their community of choice for living, working, and playing. She was known and respected as much for her gentleness and love of people as for her substantial professional and personal achievements.

Ann Grady was predeceased by longtime companion Lou Shannon and is survived by several brothers and sisters and their children. The family has requested that contributions in her memory be made to the American Occupational Therapy Foundation. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

The American Occupational Therapy Foundation is a 501c3 charitable, scientific and educational organization established in 1965. Its mission is to advance research, education, and public awareness for occupational therapy so that all people may participate fully in life regardless of their physical, social, mental or developmental circumstances.



Ann Grady
1935 - 2012