

Jean Warren

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Professor Emerita Jean Warren died July 19, 1990. She received a B.S. degree from the College of Home Economics at Cornell University in 1929 and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Cornell University in 1935 and 1938. Her professional career included service as a home demonstration agent in New York and Maine and faculty positions at the University of California, Davis, from 1938 to 1951, and at the College of Home Economics, Cornell University, from 1951 to 1965. After her retirement, she served as a visiting faculty member at the University of New Mexico, Oregon State University, University of Hawaii, Iowa State University and University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

Professor Warren was a leader in the field of family economics and financial management. As a productive scholar and director of graduate student programs, she had a profound influence on developments in both of these fields. Her major contribution was in research in the use of time and the value of household work; in this she carried on the original research of Helen Canon which has led ultimately to estimates of the value of household work as a component of the Gross National Product.

Professor Warren was recognized for her excellence in teaching, both at the undergraduate and graduate level. Her classes were popular, stimulating and demanding. In recognition of her work with undergraduates, she was designated Professor of Merit in 1955. She brought out the best in graduate students by her questions, demands, sharp-edged or chiding humor and infectious laugh.

Jean Warren played an important role in the international aspects of resource management and family economics. Her service included stays in Argentina, Uruguay, Mexico, Guatemala, Yugoslavia, Malaysia and El Salvador. Her fluency in Spanish facilitated her presentations of workshops in Latin America. She was sought as a consultant on consumer credit counseling, financial decision making in marriage, life insurance needs, financial requirements in retirement and the specific problems of low income women.

Dr. Warren's close working relationships with Professor Mabel Rollins, Chair of the Department of Household Economics and Management, were filled with respect and widely different approaches to most every topic and issue. The complementary effect was beneficial to faculty and graduate students.

She was a member of many honorary associations including Sigma Xi, Pi Lambda Theta, Phi Kappa Phi and Omicron Nu and such professional organizations as the American Council on Consumer Interests, American Statistical Association, the American Home Economics Association and the Joint Council on Economic Education.

She carried her interest in family resource management into community service with the Family and Children's Service and the Day Care and Child Development Council in Ithaca and similar organizations in the communities in which she has lived since retirement.

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