

A Moment of Silence for Violet "Vi" Nickson,DC

Editorial Staff

The Logan College of Chiropractic community is mourning the passing Violet Nickson,DC, 90, known to generations of Logan students as "Dr. Vi." A member of Logan's first graduating class of 1939, Vi, with her husband, Art Nickson,DC, were the founders of the Logan Archives, and co-founders of the Association for the History of Chiropractic.

Vi and Art were married in 1935. Not long afterwards, H.B. Logan,DC, Art's uncle, opened the Logan Basic College of Chiropractic in St. Louis. The Nicksons enrolled, and after graduation opened a practice in the St. Louis suburb of Webster Grove.

After Art and Vi retired from practice in 1977, they began planning an archive for Logan College, a logical extension of Art's inveterate habit of collecting various items. Vi often joked that he could collect "anything he wanted, except wives."

The Logan Archives began modestly, but as the word spread, DCs around the country began sending old textbooks, pictures of Logan graduating classes, portraits of teachers and chiropractic leaders, and even adjusting tables.

When Art passed away in 1989, Vi continued to manage the Logan Archives. Until the late 1990s, she kept regular office hours each Tuesday, welcoming all. The current Logan archivist is Allen Parry,DC.

Known for her kindness and good humor, Dr. Vi attended most commencement ceremonies, and every Logan Homecoming until her health seriously declined.

"Logan has lost a wonderful friend, and one of our profession's most notable members," observed Logan President Dr. George Goodman. "Along with her husband, Dr. Vi Nickson touched the lives of countless Logan graduates and other members of the chiropractic community."

Art and Vi are survived by their daughter, Cheryl Gannon. Dr. Vi has six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren living.

The family requests that any contributions be made to the Dr. Arthur Logan Nickson Memorial Scholarship fund in care of Chi Rho Sigma at Logan College, or to the Rock Hill Baptist Church Building Fund, c/o Finance Committee, 9125 Manchester Road, Brentwood, MO 63144.

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