

Memorial Resolution on the Death of  
Miss Elmyra Diane Groff

Elmyra Diane Groff had lived for twenty-five years when she lost her life instantaneously in a tragic automobile accident, May 16, 1959. In her planning, the years still stretched before her - and there was much she yet wished to do. Although a relative newcomer to the University faculty, her buoyant spirit, her gentleness of manner and her excellence in teaching endeared her to faculty and students alike. She demonstrated superior achievement as an instructor and as an operating room nurse, and her personable qualities earned her the respect and affection of the medical staff who knew her.

Miss Groff was a native of Eastern Pennsylvania. In 1956, she received her bachelor's degree from Boston University. For the two years immediately following her graduation, she worked in Boston, a portion of this time being spent as a staff nurse at the Boston Floating Hospital for Children. She came to the Indiana University Medical Center campus in 1957 as a staff nurse in the operating room. In March, 1958, she joined the faculty as an instructor in surgical nursing with major responsibility for teaching operating room nursing.

Her quest for greater understanding of the world in which she lived led her to continued study through additional courses in philosophy and English and through research. Her joy in music led her to study the flute and to own a large, well-selected record collection. Her concern for professional development resulted in her application for admission to Western Reserve University this coming fall as a candidate for the master's degree.

Diane Groff, as she was known to those who knew her well, was young in years but wise in action. With only sufficient time for limited years of experience behind her, yet she made her distinctive contribution of value to the School of Nursing - and through it, to the larger University.

In view of this life, so briefly yet well lived, be it resolved that the faculty of Indiana University express its deepest sympathy to her mother, Mrs. Helen Groff, and to her grandmother for their great personal loss; and that the faculty record in the minutes of its Council its sorrow in its own loss of a colleague who gave so richly of herself.

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