



## *Soror Bessye D. Long Pearl-In-Memoriam*

Soror Bessye D. Long inducted into the Iota Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. in 1949. She remained active for more than 65 years. Her dedication to her beloved sorority was known to everyone who knew her. She gladly served wherever she was needed within the sorority. Mrs. Long took her assignments seriously and was dedicated to excellence.

She held numerous positions throughout her membership. Mrs. Long served as the National Financial Secretary for over 25 years. Her dedication to this position was legendary within the sorority. Based upon her dedicated service and numerous contributions, she was elected for the highest honor in Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc., as a Living Pearl. In 2000, Mrs. Long was elected to the highest position in the sorority, National President, in which she served for a four-year term. In 2014, she was appointed to serve as the National Nominating Chairperson. She established the Literature Review Committee during her term as National President and during recent years she served as an Advisor.

Mrs. Long had a quiet, calm presence. However, she could be firm and resolute when it was necessary to “get the job done”. Soror Long will be greatly missed by her dear Iota Chapter, her much beloved Mid-Western Region, and sorors across the country.