IN MEMORIAM

ELIZABETH JEAN ROOT

The late Elizabeth J. Root was Lecturer of the Department of Human Ecology. She died Sunday, September 15, 1991, at age 59 following a long illness. During her career at the University, she taught both undergraduate and graduate nutrition courses and assisted in the supervision of master's and doctoral research projects.

She was active in the Texas Society for Electron Microscopy and served on its editorial board and as its Secretary from 1982-1984. She also held memberships in the American Dietetics Association, the American Institute of Nutrition, the Electron Microscopy Society of America and the Society for Neuroscience.

Dr. Root had an active research program in the area of nutrient deficiencies and neurological dysfunction. Her studies of alterations in brain ultrastructure as determined by electron microscopy were at the leading edge of nutritional research of problems such as Alzheimer's disease. The majority of her publications are in this area.

Dr. Root was born in Lewiston, Maine, and was reared in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and in Topeka, Kansas. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Nutrition degree from the University of Kansas in 1953 and completed a dietetic internship at the University of Kansas Medical Center in 1954. In 1972, she received a Master of Arts degree in Nutrition and in 1980, earned her Ph.D. in Biological Sciences from the University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Root's enthusiasm for learning and her willingness to research difficult problems have served as an inspiration for her colleagues and students. Her courage in the face of her illness is a model for us all.
Robert M. Berdahl, President
The University of Texas at Austin

H. Paul Kelley, Secretary
The General Faculty

This Memorial Resolution was prepared by a special committee consisting of Professors Richard A. Willis (Chair), RoseAnn Loop, and Margaret Briley.