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**JEAN E. SCHWEER
PAPERS, 1927–2003 (BULK 1970–2003)**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jean E. Schweer (1921–2003) was a professor at the Indiana University School of Nursing who helped revolutionize continuing education for nurses. A graduate of Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Indiana, and Indiana University, Schweer joined the IU School of Education in 1955 where she established the first Graduate program in Medical-Surgical nursing. In 1966 she developed a continuing education program at the IU School of Nursing at Indianapolis. Before retiring in 1986 as associate dean of continuing education in nursing, Schweer helped define national standards for nursing continuing education. In particular, she assisted in the development of nursing courses as far away as Saudi Arabia.

Ms. Schweer was involved in a number of professional associations including the Indiana Heart Association's education committee, the Indiana State Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau International and Pi Lambda Theta honor societies, and the IU Alumni Association.

During her tenure at Indiana University, she received the IU School of Nursing Distinguished Alumni Award. She was also named Outstanding Adult Educator by the Indiana Association of Adult Continuing Education in 1986. The Jean E. Schweer Distinguished Lectureship in Continuing Education was created in 1996 to honor Schweer for her numerous contributions to Indiana University, the nursing profession and continuing education across the country. In 2002, she received the Emily Holmquist Lifetime Achievement in Nursing Award from the Indiana University School of Nursing.

Besides teaching and being involved with state and national organizations, Schweer also authored a textbook, *Creative Teaching in Clinical Nursing* (1968), and prepared several publications related to continuing nursing education.

Jean E. Schweer passed away on 16 February 2003; three days shy of her 82nd birthday.

Sources:

Items in collection:

Indianapolis Star obituary, 18 February 2003

ISNA Bulletin, May, June, July 2003

In memoriam, *The Pulse of IU Nursing*, Spring 2003

Program from IUPUI Spirit of Philanthropy Celebration, 26 April 1996

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection includes scholarly articles and papers written by Jean Schweer, assorted awards, degrees and honors she received, programs, clippings, and correspondence from related nursing and professional organizations, photographs, and personal memorabilia.

The material is divided into five series.

Series 1, Published Articles and Papers, includes copies of articles written by Jean Schweer for professional journals such as the *Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing* and *The Indiana Nurse*. Also included are papers Schweer presented at conferences and workshops.

Series 2, Awards, Degrees, and Honors, includes copies of award certificates, transcripts of plaques and photocopies of Indiana University diplomas. The plaques were transcribed for preservation purposes and returned to the donor.

Series 3, Professional Programs and Activities, is divided into four groups, including programs and agendas from workshops and conferences, correspondence, newspaper, newsletter, and journal clippings, and a manuscript copy of an article written by Schweer.

Series 4, Photographs, contains five black-and-white photographs of Jean Schweer as a child.

Series 5, Personal Memorabilia, contains a box of Jean Schweer's baby hair, a small baby book, and cards, letters, photographs, and other items from a scrapbook created for Schweer's 1986 retirement. Items were removed from the scrapbook for preservation reasons, kept in original order, and placed in folders. This section also includes photocopies of newspaper clippings and obituaries from Schweer's death in 2003.

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Schweer, Jean E., "Teaching Students to Teach Health Care to Others." <i>Nursing Clinics of North America</i> 6, no. 4 (1971): 679-690.	Box 1, Folder 2

Schweer, Jean E., "The Continuing Education Unit: Criteria, Mechanics and Implementation in Indiana." *The Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing* 5, no. 1 (1974): 21–25. Box 1, Folder 2

Schweer, Jean E., "The Name of the Game." *The Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing* 5, no. 2 (1974): 3–5. Box 1, Folder 2

Schweer, Jean E., "Creative Teaching in a Clinical Setting." *Proceedings of Second National Nutrition Workshop for Nutritionists of University Affiliated Facilities, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 22–25, 1974.* Box 1, Folder 3

Schweer, Jean, "The Executive Retreat: One Mean of Bridging the Gap Between University Administrators and Faculty Members." *The Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing* 7, no. 5 (1976): 44–49. Box 1, Folder 4

Schweer, Jean E., "The Indiana Experience in Developing Statewide Planning for Continuing Education of Nurses." Presented at a Conference on Continuing Education for Nurses, Windsor Locks, Conn., October 21–22, 1976. Box 1, Folder 4

Schweer, Jean E., "What Good are Knowledge and Skill, Without Improved Nursing Practice?" *The Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing* 13, no. 4 (1982): 3–4. Box 1, Folder 4

Schweer, Jean E., "League Sponsors Institute on Clinical Instruction." (Journal title and date not available). Box 1, Folder 4

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Photocopy of Indiana University diploma – Master of Science in Nursing Education awarded to Jean Eloise Schweer by the Indiana University School of Education, 13 June 1955. Box 1, Folder 5

American Journal of Nursing's 1976 Books of the Year Award presented to Schweer and Gebbie for their book, <i>Creative Teaching in Clinical Nursing</i> .	Box 1, Folder 5
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Distinguished Alumni Award presented to Jean E. Schweer from the Indiana University School of Nursing Alumni Association on 19 May 1979.	Box 1, Folder 5
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Certificate of Service awarded by the American Nurses' Association, 1983.	Box 1, Folder 5
Certificate of Service awarded by the Indiana State Nurses' Association to Jean Schweer as a member of the Board of Directors from 1981 to 1983.	Box 1, Folder 5
Wise, Patricia S. Yoder, "Jean E. Schweer." <i>The Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing</i> 15, no. 3 (1984): 100-102.	Box 1, Folder 5
-Interview conducted as a part of the Living History Series section of this journal.	
IAACE Outstanding Adult Educator, 1986.	Box 1, Folder 5
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IUPUI Spirit of Philanthropy Certificate of Recognition presented to Jean E. Schweer in April 1996.	Box 1, Folder 5
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Small box contains locks of Jean Schweer's baby hair

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Scrapbook contents – "Happy Retirement" button/ribbon

Artifacts: 2004.0357

Scrapbook contents – Color photographs of Jean Schweer and others

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Pink baby book

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Photocopies of newspaper clippings and obituaries from Schweer's 2003 death

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