Shirley Carpenter Endowment Scholarship Fund

Shirley is in the ‘top ten’ nonphysician workers who helped expand the osteopathic profession. Please join me in contributing to this scholarship fund. - Mitch Kasovac, DO, AOA President 1990-1991

The Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation is honored to establish an Endowed Scholarship Fund in memory of Shirley Carpenter whose work and passion touched so many in the osteopathic medical profession. Thanks to the generosity of the Montana Osteopathic Medical Association and a number of individuals, the Fund is up and running and we seek to grow it further in order to award scholarships that appropriately honor her legacy.

To contribute to this special fund in memory of Shirley, please complete the donation form or donate online. [Link](http://www.nwosteo.org/carpenter-scholarship-fund/)

The Fund’s scholarships can go to outstanding osteopathic medical students from the Northwest states Shirley served: Alaska, Idaho, or Montana.

Recommended by Mitch Kasovac, DO, Shirley Carpenter served as the AOA’s Northwest Regional Manager assisting small emerging states to set up osteopathic state associations. Shirley in every sense created the job and made it her own, setting an incredibly high standard in all that she did. Her commitment to getting small associations up and on their feet was remarkable.

Mastersfully seeing what assets and unique strengths each state had, Shirley adeptly built on those assets with a no-nonsense, common-sense approach, bringing to bear all the AOA support she could muster. She expertly prepared documentation for associations interested in becoming nonprofit organization and educated association members in the art of organizing successful and academically rigorous CME trainings.

Shirley was always there, holding a hand or leading the charge. A tremendous resource, she regularly attended state association meetings and sensitively mentored many a DO through organizational and community outreach challenges. Shirley was a talented woman of consummate skill who also was quite funny, impeccably honest, extremely caring, deeply involved in her community and a woman who loved to dance!

She made an unforgettable impression on virtually everyone. Before her impressive track record with the AOA, she worked in Physician Services at Phoenix General Osteopathic Hospital. Shirley remained passionate about life and worked tirelessly to support “her” states until 2003 when she lost her struggle against stomach cancer.

She had two children and four grandchildren who were the love of her life.