

Evelyn E. Stout

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Evelyn E. Stout was on the faculty of the New York State College of Human Ecology, Cornell University, from 1953 until her retirement in 1973. At the time of her retirement, she was the Acting Chairman of the Department of Design and Environmental Analysis. With the department reorganization in 1975, her status as Professor Emerita was in the Department of Textiles and Apparel.

Before coming to Cornell, she taught chemistry, physics, and home economics in high schools and junior colleges. She then taught textiles and clothing at Washington State College, and at Louisiana State University. At Cornell, Professor Stout was involved in numerous textile research projects, and was active in training graduate students. She published many articles on textiles and related subjects including a popular college text, *Introduction to Textiles*. With three editions, this book became one of the publisher's best sellers, and was reprinted for use in India.

Professor Stout received her doctorate from the University of Illinois in 1953. Her B.S. and M.S. degrees were from Kansas State University. She was a member of the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists, the American Home Economics Association, and the College Professors of Textiles and Clothing; also Omicron Nu, Sigma Delta Pi and Phi Kappa Phi honoraries. She served as president of the Cornell Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

Evelyn Stout was an active member of the Ithaca community, where she resided until her return to her native Kansas in 1989. She was an active member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir. She also took responsibility for the choir robes spending many hours each year mending, cleaning and replacing where necessary. An extraordinary accomplishment was the church chancel drapery. She not only selected the color and fabric, but did the cutting and sewing for this enormous textile, saving the church a major expense.

For a number of years, she was a medical aide in the Tompkins County Civil Defense organization. She was a member of the Tompkins Community Hospital Auxiliary, and for several years, served on the board. She was a dedicated volunteer at the hospital spending many hours at the front desk greeting and directing visitors and training other volunteers. She also was an active volunteer with Friends of the Library, serving one year as chairman of the annual book sale.

In retirement she used her knowledge and organizational skills for the benefit of church, community and family. Although living far from her family, they were much on her mind. She provided financial support for the education of nieces and nephews, encouraged family reunions and worked on the family genealogy.

Evelyn Stout enjoyed travel. In addition to her trips to many parts of the U.S. and Canada, she visited Egypt. She was also fond of classical music, opera and ballet and was an avid bridge player. She was a loyal colleague, friendly mentor to students and young faculty and a devoted friend to many. She will be remembered as a person of integrity who took life and her profession very seriously.

At Cornell, a graduate fellowship was established in her name in 1983. Major contributions were from her former graduate students, many of whom she had financially supported as an anonymous donor. The first recipient of the Evelyn E. Stout fellowship received her Ph.D. in fiber science in 1991.

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