

Ethel Marie Tschida

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Miss Ethel M. Tschida, Assistant Professor of Outpatient Nursing (Pediatrics) at Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing, died November 28, 1966, at the age of fifty-one.

Miss Tschida was born at South Bend, Indiana, the daughter of Moudelle and the late Frank Tschida. She attended schools in South Bend and graduated from the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Chicago, Illinois. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at St. Mary's College, Holy Cross, Indiana, in 1944. Subsequently, she received a diploma in Public Health Nursing from the University of Minnesota.

In 1958, she earned her degree of Master of Arts at Teachers College, Columbia University. This same year St. Mary's College conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon Miss Tschida for her work as nursing director of the program of institutes in the care of the premature infant at The New York Hospital.

Miss Tschida spent her last seventeen years in active nursing at the New York Hospital—Cornell Medical Center. In 1949, she became instructor-supervisor in the Premature Infant Unit of the Pediatric Nursing Department where she was involved in teaching nursing students. She was instrumental in the organization of the country's first premature infant institutes for doctors and nurses, under the auspices of the Children's Bureau and the New York State Department of Health. In 1955, she transferred to the Pediatric Clinic of the Outpatient Department where she remained as a member of the faculty and nursing service.

Being a person of vision, she directed much of her energy toward maintaining standards and practices of nursing in keeping with the general health and welfare trends. Among her publications were several articles which appeared in professional journals, as well as a syllabus, "The Management of Premature Infants."

Miss Tschida's membership in various organizations reflected her major interest. These included the National League for Nursing, the American Nurses Association, the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, and the St. Mary's Notre Dame Club of New York.

She is survived by her mother and a brother.

Muriel R. Carbery