



Josephine Kristan Doherty

September 2, 1924 - April 14, 2019

Josephine Kristan Doherty, a notable administrator of science activities dealing with environmental problems and practices, died on April 14, 2019, in the Heron Point nursing unit.

After graduating from New York City's Hunter Collage, Mrs. Doherty attended New York University, she was employed as a research assistant from 1945 to 1957 in several New York Institutions with biological and medical programs.

In 1957, Mrs. Doherty joined the National Science Foundation, to make a major role in federal programs and policies concerned with a variety of science subjects, including her environmental and ecological studies. Mrs. Doherty became program manager for "Research Applied to National Needs." Her duties were to assist scientists serving short term in NSF to fit with the permanent professional employees.

For two years (1976-1977), Mrs. Doherty was detailed to the US State Department to serve as a member of the Secretariat staff organizing programs related to the United Nations. Mrs. Doherty's official biography lists eleven major programs she participated in the field of environmental initiatives and solutions.

Recognition of her many achievements and awards is prominent in her working history, including the NSF "Sustained Service Award" (1964); NSF

Special Achievement Award; Distinguished Service Award; and Ecological Society of America (1985). She was a member of five major professional associations.

Mrs. Doherty retired from her thirty-five years of professional duties and activities, moved to Chestertown, and Rehoboth, DE. She cultivated Bonsai (Miniature Trees), joined the Art League and Women's Groups, and helped found the Washington College Academy of Lifelong Learning in 1992. She was an avid stamp collector, and she loved the beach at North Shores near Rehoboth. She was married for sixty-five years to Joe Doherty a former federal employee and writer of books and magazine articles.

Burial will be on Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 11 a.m. with a private ceremony at St. Paul's Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

St. Pauls Cemetery (Kent County)

7600 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Josephine Kristan Doherty*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Josephine Kristan Doherty*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Josephine Kristan Doherty*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Suzanne Jackson lit a candle in memory of Josephine Kristan Doherty*



Suzanne Jackson - April 16, 2019 at 05:04 PM