

## THE SUSAN BRUCH ROSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



**Susan Irene Bruch Rose**  
May 1, 1945—May 13, 2008

Susan Rose was a 1967 graduate of the College of William and Mary, where she majored in Elementary Education, was a member of Phi Mu Fraternity, and an active member of the College Band. She began her teaching career in the Magruder Elementary School of York County Schools, and went on to teach in Kaiserslautern, Germany, Alexandria City, Fauquier County, and Loudoun County. She retired as a teacher in Loudoun's program for education of gifted children in December, 2000. She was born on May 1, 1945 in Knoxville, TN and raised in Alexandria, VA, where she attended Mount Vernon Elementary School, Jefferson Junior High and George Washington High School, graduating in 1963. She graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1967 and pursued graduate work in library science at Catholic University and in gifted education at the University of Virginia. After teaching at Charles Barrett and Patrick Henry elementary schools in Alexandria, Mrs. Rose spent most of her career in Fauquier County at P.B.Smith Elementary School and as a visiting teacher in the gifted education program in other schools throughout the county.

Over her career, she taught children in all elementary grades. The students in her classes, volunteer work, tutoring work and in the schools she visited as a specialist in

gifted education numbered over 16,000. A member, deacon, and hand bell player in the Warrenton Presbyterian Church and Warrenton Chorale, she also volunteered at the Fauquier Outdoor Lab and Warrenton Library and was active in promoting environmental education locally and in leading contribution drives to protect endangered rainforests. From a college internship working on the papers of Thomas Jefferson, she developed an interest in American history that she shared with her students on projects and trips. Upon her return to Alexandria in 1999, she volunteered at Immanuel Lutheran Church School and became an active member of the Fairlington Presbyterian Church.

At the time of her death in 2008 from complications related to early onset Alzheimer's Disease, she was survived by her husband, Richard L. Rose, her mother, Virginia Bruch, both of Alexandria, and her sons William L. Rose, of Richmond, VA, and Robert A. Rose of San Diego, CA. Susan was a lifelong supporter of the College of William and Mary, where she and Richard were married in 1969, and from which both of their sons graduated. She held the Education Department in particular esteem because of its excellent and caring professors and because of the good preparation that they gave her. This scholarship honors her love of the College.

The Susan Bruch Rose Memorial Scholarship of \$2000 is offered in alternate years to a Junior or Senior with a declared major in Elementary Education and with special financial needs.