

dedication



This 1999 AAUW Membership Directory is dedicated to **Ann Whitmire Chipley**, who died December 24, 1996, at her home in Warrenton, Virginia, after a two-year battle with colon cancer. Chipley was a longtime AAUW member and leader of the Association's national staff. She was 55.

Having served as Association director since 1993, Chipley was familiar and beloved to many. She had the power to still a roomful of colleagues with a probing question or dissolve it into laughter with her dry Southern wit. She was at once demanding and encouraging, serious and fun-loving, and demonstrably committed to extending women's education and clout through personal activism.

Before joining the AAUW staff in 1987 as director of the Program and Policy Department, Chipley was director of legislative programs (now called public policy) on the AAUW Board of Directors. An active member of AAUW since the 1970s, she also served as North Carolina AAUW state president, state program vice president, chair of the Committee on Women, and president and program vice president of her Rocky Mount (NC) Branch. She was a life member of AAUW and a member-at-large at the time of her death.

Born in Greenville, South Carolina, Chipley earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, in 1963. She taught high school Spanish in Raleigh for three years after college and was the women's editor of the *Rocky Mount Telegram* for several years. Later she served as executive director of the North Carolina Council on the Status of Women, one of the largest state women's commissions, and government relations director for the North Carolina United Way.

While a North Carolina resident, Chipley was chair of the Rocky Mount Citizens Advisory Council, member of the Board of Trustees for the Rocky Mount Children's Museum, campaign manager of North Carolinians United for the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), and chair of the North Carolina ERA-PAC. She was also a founder of the Rocky Mount Area Women's Network.

Chipley's skills included planning and implementing programs, speaking publicly, facilitating workshops, solving problems creatively, and organizing at the grassroots level. Ann was married to Tom Chipley for 31 years. They have two daughters, Carter Chipley of Warrenton and Kate Chipley Scattergood of Cary, North Carolina, and a granddaughter, Shelby. Chipley adored Shelby and, at her AAUW retirement party, shared gifts of toys from her colleagues with her granddaughter. Chipley is also survived by her mother, Sarah Henderson Adair of Orlando, Florida, and two sisters, Mary Frances Lawson of Orlando and Beth Carr of Cary.

The Ann Chipley Fellowship Endowment was established by the AAUW Educational Foundation Board of Directors in 1996.