

Sue Dawson, English Teacher

Sue Dawson, 76, an English teacher at Silver Spring's Springbrook High School for 25 years, died March 15, 2010, of an infection at Montgomery General Hospital in Olney. She lived in Silver Spring.

Mrs. Dawson taught in Montgomery County schools for 27 years and at Springbrook was faculty sponsor of extracurricular groups including the debate team, the "It's Academic" team, the student government association and the cheerleaders.

In 1986, she received a certificate of excellence from the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. That year, she was nominated for The Washington Post-sponsored Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award and the National PTA's Phoebe Apperson Hearst Outstanding Educator of the Year award.

Born in Philadelphia, she graduated from the State Teachers College in East Stroudsburg, Pa., (now East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania) and received a master's degree in education from George Washington University in 1959. She also served in the Navy Reserve early in her career.

Mrs. Dawson was a 2001 inductee to the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

She was active in Glenmont United Methodist Church for more than 38 years and was a volunteer teacher of literacy and English for speakers of other languages. She was a member of the Montgomery County Foster Care Review Board, a volunteer in the office of then-Rep. Constance A. Morella (R-Md.) and a member of the Forest Glen Senior Citizens Chorus.

Her husband, Jay Dawson, died in 1973.

Survivors include a son, Andrew Dawson of Brookeville; and two grandsons.

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