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## In Memoriam - Dorothy Young

Retired Educator and Wife of Founding Theatre and Dance Chair

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A longtime supporter of the arts and CSUF, Dorothy Young was often seen at the side of her husband, James D. Young, at numerous campus events, including the 2003 Vision & Visionaries gala. That same year, in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary, Young honored his wife with a donation to name the Clayes Performing Arts Center Green Room in her honor. "She is always out there doing something for someone," he said in 2008, emphasizing her volunteerism at Heart Association and

breast cancer drives, contributions to the Fullerton Arboretum, Fullerton Museum and serving on the Health Committee at Morningside.

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Dorothy Rea Young, retired teacher and longtime CSUF donor with her husband, James D. Young, has died from ovarian cancer at the age of 89. She passed away Jan. 7.

"Our life has been an education," she said about her marriage with Young, founding chair of the University's Theatre and Dance Department, in 2003 when the couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Young's surprise to "Dottie" that year was a donation made, in her honor, for the naming of the Green Room in what became the University's Clayes Performing Arts Center.

The longtime Fullerton couple, who were seen regularly at campus performances and special events, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in late December.

"We grew up learning to adjust and compromise," she told an interviewer in 2003. "Our parents knew each other, and we grew up together in New Mexico. That helped."

Dorothy Young, a graduate of Pepperdine University, taught first- and second-grade classes at Golden Hill Elementary School in Fullerton for 20 years and previously taught in Los Angeles, where she was a master teacher at 74th Street School.

At CSUF, she was involved in the founding of the Fullerton Arboretum and was active in the group of faculty spouses. In the community, she was active in Rotary International, PTA

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groups, in drives for the American Heart Association and breast cancer organizations, as well as the launch of the Muckenthaler Center and Fullerton Museum.

"She was always out there doing something for someone," Young said.

Besides her husband, she is survived by their daughter, Vicki L. Golich; son, Douglas; daughter-in-law, Terry Forrest Young; granddaughter, Megann Forrest Young; grandsons, Nate and Scott Golich; and great grandson, Mason Golich.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Dr. James D. and Dorothy R. Young Founder's Scholarship Endowment Fund maintained by the Cal State Fullerton Philanthropic [Foundation \(http://foundation.fullerton.edu\)](http://foundation.fullerton.edu). Plans for a memorial service are pending.

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