

University of Washington School of Nursing Professor Emeritus, Katherine Jean Young Graham, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 19, 2019, at her home in Oro Valley, AZ.

Katherine, known as "Kappy" by her close friends and family, was born on August 22, 1932, in Seattle, WA, and graduated from Garfield High School in 1949. She trained at Harborview Medical Center, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1954, Master of Nursing with a minor in Sociology (1967), Master of Arts in Sociology with a minor in Nursing (1972) and Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology with a minor in Nursing (1978) all from the University of Washington (UW). She was a recipient of the US Public Health Service Nurse Scientist Award. The UW SoN newsletter, Connections, (1991) quoted her as saying, "My husband was my prime advocate for continuing with my education."

Dr. Graham was exceptionally successful in her career, co-developing the *Symptom Distress Scale*, (1978) with Dr. Ruth McCorkle, among multiple other research projects, grants and publications. She was an Acting Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Health Care Systems (CHCS) at the UW (1978-1979), Assistant Professor of Nursing at the University of Arizona (UA, 1979-1982), Associate Professor and Division Coordinator of Community Health Nursing (UA, 1982-1988), and Professor and Chair of the Department of CHCS (UW, 1988-1995), retiring from the UW in 2000. She also held appointments as Adjunct Professor in Women's Studies (1990-) and Adjunct Associate Professor of Family and Community Medicine (UA, 1982-1988). She was elected a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing in 1982 and received the Award of Distinction for Excellence in Nursing Education, Sigma Theta Tau, Beta Mu Chapter, in 1983. In addition, she was co-founding editor of the journal, Public Health Nursing (1984-2003). Her editorial, "Honesty and Morality in the Work Environment," published in Public Health Nursing in 1988, was chosen by the National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature for placement in the Archives of the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Washington, DC. As a nationally recognized nursing scientist, she continuously demonstrated excellence in the areas of care systems management, public health practice, and quality of life issues. She consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to faculty development in areas of research, grant proposals, publishing, and teaching. In 2001 she was awarded the American Public Health Association (APHA) Public Health Nursing (PHN) Creative Achievement Award, and in 2003 was awarded the APHA PHN Amstein Award. Professionally, she seemed most proud, however, in her role as mentor, helping her students achieve their goals.

Her professional career coupled with her family kept her more than busy, but her family life was always her greatest joy. Katherine was a beautiful soul, strong and gracious, gentle in spirit; a Peacemaker. She is now at peace, "Resting in the Lord."