

## **Jean T. Hassell**

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Prof. Hassell began her professional career as a Clinical Dietitian for Rochester General Hospital in Pennsylvania in 1951 after receiving her baccalaureate degree in Food and Nutrition from Syracuse University in New York. In 1974, Prof. Hassell obtained her master's degree in Food and Nutrition from Kent State University. It was after obtaining that degree that Prof. Hassell began her 32 plus years of service to Youngstown State University.



She began working at YSU in 1975 as a limited service faculty member in the Department of Human Ecology. She then quickly became a full-time instructor and eventually was promoted to a full professor and for five years she served as the Chairperson of the Department. She retired from YSU in 2007 and was named a Professor Emeritus. Prof. Hassell's accomplishments at YSU, when listed, require more than 20 pages of paper to list.

She was a true scholar. In summary she produced more than 115 scholarly works that include: journal articles, abstracts, educational materials, professional presentations, poster sessions for professional events, and grants. In addition to her scholastic contributions to her discipline, she also contributed by volunteering her time and talents. She was a member of the American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for which she was a member of their Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education. She was also a very active member of the Ohio Dietetics Association, having chaired many of their committees including: Public Relations, Ohio Dietetic Educators of Practitioners, Awards and Scholarships, and served as the State Legislation Contact Dietitians.

At the University her commitment to her students, department, and the college were beyond compare. She worked diligently to obtain accreditation for the Coordinated Program in Dietetics. She took on tasks and additional responsibility with a kind heart and a strong dedication to making sure that everything was completed in a timely and correct fashion. Prof. Hassell was the type of professor and professional whose character and dedication should be mimicked by others.

She will be greatly missed.

