The Science Fiction Oral History Association



Recording Science Fiction History as it Happens

The SFOHA Newsletter

October 2000

Nancy Tucker Shaw

It is with great sadness (for those of us this remarkable woman left behind) that I must announce that Nancy Tucker Shaw, President of SFOHA, widow of Bob Shaw and well-known fan in her own right, passed through the Western Gate and into eternity at 8:12 am on Sunday, September 17, 2000.

Nancy had been in very poor health since her debilitating stroke on September 20, 1998 and in recent weeks had been deteriorating dramatically. Her family was called back to the hospital a few hours after they left on Saturday, and surrounded her in love for the last several hours before she died quietly and reasonably comfortably.

Nancy Tucker Shaw Obituary

Nancy Tucker Shaw, widow of renowned SF author Bob Shaw, was born Nancy Ellen Jung in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on September 20, 1928, the daughter of Charles Chester Jung and Gwen Drew.

She is survived by her brother Chic Jung and his wife Carolyn, by her sons and daughters-in-law, Lawrence and Misti, Randolph and Lori, Steven and Wendy, and Michael and Susan Tucker, and by her grandchildren Nicholas, Tomas-Jason, Corineous, Christopher, Michael, Caitlynd, and William.

Nancy attended Lawrence College in Appleton, Wisconsin and earned her bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of Michigan, where she later founded, organized, and ran the School of Education's audio-visual department.

Nancy was an avid fan and was a founding member and long-time president of the Science Fiction Oral History society, she was three-time chair of early ConFusions in SE Michigan, and was a well-known and beloved presence at conventions in the US and the British Isles.

Nancy was also an accomplished artist, a musician and singer, an award winning Avon sales representative, a pilot, and an accomplished SCCA competitive (racecar) driver. She served for many years as the secretary of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan where she computerized the office and published the weekly newsletter.

Nancy had been a resident of SE Michigan since 1959. She had suffered a debilitating stroke in September of 1998 and had been very ill since that some time. Memorial arrangements will be held on October 14, 2000 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan. We hope that this will allow as many of her loved ones as would like to, to gather one more time in her honour. For more information contact Misti Anslin Tucker, manslin@earthlink.net or Larry Tucker at (734) 434-0599 or at 2523 Torrey Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI, 48108-1340, US

Misti Anslin Tucker (Nancy's daughter-in-law)

SFOHA Newsletter, September 2000.

In light of the death of Nancy Tucker Shaw and the failing health of the remainder of the board, it has become critical that we have a change of the guard if SFOHA is to survive.

Our May 1999 call for nominations resulted in only one response, which suggested Leah Zeldes and Dick Smith. They have expressed willingness to do "anything that is necessary to keep the organization alive." Also, there are enough fans in the Chicago area to try to grow with younger members, which we have been unable to do here.

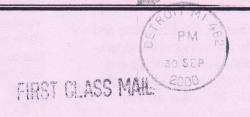
With no other nominations, a mail vote seemed pointless, and while health problems of the various board members slowed down the process, arrangements have been made to turn over operations to the Smiths when they come to Nancy's October 14 Memorial.

We are calling a SFOHA meeting for 7 p.m. (after the Memorial), at Larry and Misti's, 2523 Torrey Avenue, Ann Arbor MI 48108-1340. Phone (734) 434-0509.

Jean Lynn Barnard, Treasurer.

Science Fiction Oral History Association 1810 Charlton Avenue Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103 USA





1997



00171 Dick & Nicki Lynch P.O. Box 3120 Gaithersburg MD 20885