Early Enrollment: June 11, 1942

Commencement: March 12, 2007

A devotion to children and learning... those words describe this phenomenal woman. She was extremely dedicated to education and professional in all her endeavors. Ellen began her teaching career in 1964 in the Detroit Public Schools System, teaching from elementary to high school level. She served as a science department head in 1987, and moved into the position of Science Curriculum Supervisor in 1994 where she continued to serve until her untimely passing.

Ellen prized learning. As a student at the Alger Elementary School, her love for science and mathematics were nurtured and developed. Ellen matriculated through the Detroit Public Schools, graduating in 1960 from Northwestern High School. Ellen’s love for learning continued in college, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University in 1964 and a Master of Education degree from the University of Michigan in 1976.

If you knew Ellen, you were keenly aware of her dedication, love, and untiring efforts to remain at the forefront of emerging techniques to provide the very best in classroom instruction for the students of the Detroit Public Schools. Ellen attended conferences and workshops across the state. She was passionate about education, devoting more than 40 years to the Detroit Public Schools. She mentored teachers in other districts. In 2004, she was presented with the MDSTA “Distinguished Service Award” in recognition of her outstanding and selfless devotion to the association, where she also served as Executive Secretary. She also enjoyed memberships in the Michigan Science Teachers Association and the National Science Teachers Association.

The Metropolitan Detroit Science Teachers Association recognizes the values, dedication and leadership of teachers who exhibit these qualities by awarding “The Ellen Daniel-Jones Distinguished Service Award”, in honor of this phenomenal woman.