

IN MEMORIAM
STANLI CHOC CUSHMAN
1947 – 2015

A few months ago we lost a long-time and valued member of our branch, Stanli Cushman, after a valiant struggle with cancer. Stanli served as President of our branch from 1999 to 2000 and was honored with a named gift to the Educational Foundation in 2003. Stanli was an active member from the time she joined AAUW, participating in the Finance Group, the Food Interest Group, attending branch meetings regularly and supporting many of the branch fund raisers.

Born in London, England, Stanli immigrated to the United States as a child with her brother, sister and Czech parents. She was always proud of her Czech heritage and returned to that country on several occasions to visit family members there. She received a BA in Social Sciences at West Chester University and spent 23 years as a social worker for Chester County, first at the Dept. of Mental Health/Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and later at the Dept. of Aging, where she made many life-long friends. After her retirement she remained an advocate for seniors, volunteering as an ombudsman and guardianship monitor. She was also active in the prayer shawl ministry and other committees of her church. Her other interests included book club and knitting.

Our member Paula McGinnis remembers car-pooling with Stanli to AAUW meetings, touring NYC together on bus trips and solidifying their friendship over their mutual love of knitting when Stanli joined Paula's knitting club a few years ago. Stanli became very skilled at knitting and other crafts, and donated many of her prayer shawls to church members who were ill or elderly.

Stanli will best be remembered as a very intelligent, strong, caring and compassionate person who was devoted to her family and always thought of others before herself. She was a caregiver for her mother and her husband, Stephen, to whom she was married for 47 years, both of whom survive her. She is also survived by two daughters, their spouses and two grandchildren.