

# THE DORIS AND ALBERT VON MORPURGO SCHOLARSHIP FUND



# The Scholarship Fund

“The trust estate shall be distributed outright to St. Anthony College of Nursing in Rockford, Illinois for a scholarship fund for nursing students in the Bachelor’s Program; the scholarship fund shall be known as the Doris and Albert Von Morpurgo Scholarship Fund; only income shall be used annually for the scholarship fund for students in the Bachelor’s Program. Scholarships will not be awarded to students in the Master’s Program. The principal shall be retained to produce income for scholarships.”

Doris Stromquist graduated from St. Anthony School of Nursing in 1944.



# Doris' Parents



Her family, the Stromquists, had settled in Rockford, Illinois. Her Mother, Edith, arrived in this country in 1920, from Sweden. Edith met and married a man named Martin Stromquist, who was also from Sweden.

They raised their family of 2 boys and 1 girl, Doris.

# St. Anthony Hospital

## School of Nurses

Rockford



Illinois

This is to Certify that

**Doris Mae Stromquist**

Has completed the prescribed Three-year Course of Instruction and Training in this School  
and has passed the required examinations and is declared qualified to practice as a

**Graduate Nurse**

In Witness Whereof, we have affixed our hands and the seal of the Hospital this fifteenth day  
of September in the year of one thousand nine hundred forty four

James J. Seymour M.D.  
President  
Ernest P. Leonard  
Rev. H. E. Looman  
Chairman

Sister M. Cecilia  
Superior  
Sister M. Dominica R.N., B.S.  
Director of Education  
Sister M. Calista R.N., B.S.  
Director of School

# War time



She joined the U.S. Army. In 1945 and this was difficult for her parents because it meant that *all three* of their children were in the service at war time.

# Further Education

- ▣ Doris obtained a B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1950, while working part time in nursing. She was called back to the army during the Korean War where she worked at Fitz Simmons Army Hospital in the operating room.
- ▣ Doris obtained a Master's Degree in nursing at the University of Colorado in 1953. She began her Veterans Administration career that year at the San Francisco VA Hospital.



In 1960 she married Albert Von Morpurgo at a ceremony in Rockford, Illinois. The Von Morpurgo's settled in San Francisco, California and later moved to Palo Alto, California.



Doris is honored by the Women in Military Service for America, which is revered at the Women's Memorial in Washington, D.C.



# WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE FOR AMERICA

## Doris M. von Morpurgo



Charter Member 191732

HIGHEST RANK: 1LT

SERVICE: Army Nurse Corps From May 1945 to Feb 1953

WAR / CONFLICTS: WWII  
Korean War

BORN: Feb 17, 1923

HOMETOWN: Rockford, IL

BIRTH PLACE: Rockford, IL

MAIDEN: Stromquist

PREVIOUS:

NICKNAME:

AKA:

SERVICE NAME:

DECORATIONS: American Campaign Medal  
World War II Victory Medal  
Army of Occupation Medal(Germany)

### MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES:

While stationed in Italy, I was able to get a "compassionate leave" to visit my great uncle in Sweden. He was the only one of 7 brothers who did not immigrate to the US. None of the family had been able to return to see their brother. I was the only relative from America to visit him. We were required to travel in uniform and he was so proud that his grand niece was an officer. He paraded me to the homes of all his friends. I didn't speak Swedish and he didn't speak English, so this was very confusing until we found a neighbor who could interpret for us. It was a wonderful, rewarding experience which I will treasure always. Another memorable experience occurred because I remained in the reserves after discharge from WWII. Because of my operating room post graduate course and experience, I was recalled for the Korean War. I was recalled at the same rank I was discharged, namely 1Lt. At that time, the Army recruited new nurses with BS degrees at the rank of Captain, but refused to do the same for those of us who had served in WWII both here and overseas. I was assigned to Fitzsimmons Army Hospital and decided to make the most of my time so I attended graduate school at the University of Colorado while working 44 hours a week. In an effort to encourage Regular Army Nurses to get their BS degrees, the Army paid their tuition for courses taken, but refused to pay for my graduate degree tuition.

REGISTERED BY:

HONORED BY:

# Education & Opportunity



# Doris & Albert



