

EULOGY FOR NYDIA MEYERS

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We are present here today to show our respect and affection for a lady that was truly great and unique. To most of us, she was known as Mrs. Meyers; to some, she was known as Dr. Meyers; and to a few, she was Nydia.

Regardless of what capacity she was known to us -- as a relative, friend, co-worker, or casual acquaintance, we knew her as a person who enjoyed life, and someone who unselfishly dedicated herself to make living better and longer for others.

Nydia had a tremendous desire for perfection in all of her endeavors, and unlike most of us, she frequently achieved perfection in her goals and aspirations.

Of all her many accomplishments, there is one that stands above all others. Nydia was able to love in such a way that should be an example for all of us. She was truly self-disciplined to be forgiving, and to hold no grudges.

Nydia's first love was for her late husband, Al Meyers. A few of us present today can remember, with admiration, the devotion and caring that she constantly gave Al during his long incapacitation. We can recall her unending task of seeing that he received the best care possible, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, for several years. She would sleep for only three hours at a time, so that she could personally see that Al's needs were completely met. The passing of time, since Al's death, did not diminish her love and devotion. Nydia continued with unbelievable vigor and determination to sustain the memory of Al Meyers and his accomplishments. Her daily visits to Al's gravesite did not decrease with the passing of years.

Her second love was for the well-being of her fellow human beings, regardless of who they were, or the color of their skin. She devoted her entire life to doing research and counseling to improve the quality of life for mankind. Nydia received many acclaims of recognition for her accomplishments. For twenty years she has been the guiding light which insured the overwhelming success of the Allen H. Meyers Foundation, which has assisted hundreds of young people obtain their college education, and others to perform special research projects.

In her many travels, she never ceased to be a good will ambassador for her co-workers at The University of Michigan, the City of Tecumseh, and its residents.

Nydia's third love was for aviation. This love was not limited just to her personal enjoyment of flying, which was immense. I am able to state, with pleasure, that she flew her Meyers 200 this past Saturday and Sunday. Her love for aviation was directed in many areas such as the preservation of its history and aircraft, the maintaining of public-use airports, and their importance to individuals and business, and the safety of pilot and passengers.

Nydia has but a very few peers which equalled her support of aviation yesterday, today, and tomorrow. I could enumerate her many acts of charity and philanthropy, but this she would not want.

If she were speaking to us today, I believe she would say, "Don't feel sorry for very long. Life is a precious gift, and there are too many things yet to be accomplished."