



Alice Mary Reid Jwaideh May 1, 1927 - July 7, 2011

Alice Reid Jwaideh passed away on July 7, 2011 at the age of 84. She was known by many in the NELC community through her husband, the late Dr. Wadie Jwaideh, whose death preceded hers by ten years. Alice was a remarkable woman, ahead of her time in many ways. She had a long and full professional life, earning academic degrees and working as a researcher, editor and professor during an era when many women did not work outside the home. She still managed to find the time to remain very involved in the lives of her two daughters (and later her three grandsons), to support her many social and political causes, and to be an ardent supporter of Wadie's career and lifework during their 50-year marriage.

After Wadie's passing, Alice continued to champion him. She was a driving force behind the creation of the Wadie Jwaideh Memorial Lecture Series. She worked closely with members of the NELC faculty and staff to spread the word and help raise the funds necessary to establish the Series on a permanent basis through the IU Foundation. She personally contacted former students, colleagues, friends and relatives from all over the world for donations, and always wanted to be involved in planning the next event. The Series is now in its tenth year, with sufficient funds to ensure a lasting legacy to both Wadie and the department that he founded.

Alice was also instrumental in the posthumous publication of Wadie's Ph.D. thesis on Kurdish nationalism. Ever the perfectionist, Wadie never felt that his work was "ready" to be published. After his death, Alice was determined to at least try, and found that Syracuse University was very interested in the project. She spent months working on the manuscript in conjunction with Syracuse University Press editors. She also relied heavily on the tremendous knowledge and expertise of Wadie's sister, Dr. Albertine Jwaideh of the University of Toronto. In 2006, almost fifty years after it was written, Wadie's thesis was published as *The Kurdish National Movement: Its Origins and Development*. It was subsequently honored by Choice Magazine as one of their Outstanding Academic Titles for 2006, one of 597 books chosen from more than 25,000 titles submitted to Choice during 2006.

Alice was born and raised in Syracuse, New York. She graduated magna cum laude from Syracuse University in 1949 with a B.A. in Journalism and Russian Studies. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and associate editor of the University newspaper. Alice earned her M.A. from Georgetown University in Political Science in 1952. During the early years of her career, she was a researcher, writer, and editor for the Library of Congress and the Department of State.

After moving to Bloomington in 1960, Alice began graduate studies in Psychology at Indiana University. She worked as a research assistant and associate instructor in Psychology and in her spare time edited several books for the IU Press. In 1968 she received her Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology from IU, with a focus on learning theory. The following year she joined the faculty of the Instructional Systems Technology Department (IST) in the School of Education. Alice taught in IST until her retirement in 1991, directing twenty-three doctoral dissertations and directing or co-directing several federally funded projects in the same areas. According to her colleagues, she was known for the extraordinary rapport that she had with her students, who admired her free and open style and especially appreciated her warm and wise counsel.

Alice met her future husband, Wadie Jwaideh, while an undergraduate at Syracuse University, where Wadie was studying for his Ph.D. They were married in 1950, in Washington D.C, and spent the next decade there. They moved to Bloomington in 1960 with their two young daughters, Dara and Layl, when Wadie joined the faculty of Indiana University. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary a few months before Wadie passed away in 2001.

Alice is survived by her daughter Dara and her three grandsons: Alexander Jwaideh Khan of Bloomington, and Devon and Derek Pleasants of Davis, California.

