

Wanda V. (Victoria) Dole (b. Sept. 10, 1942) passed away on Nov. 23, 2018, after a brief illness. She was preceded in death by her parents Malburn N. and Victoria (Berner) Dole.

She graduated from Lawrence University (Appleton, WI) with a Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, in classics. She received a Master of Arts in classics from Tufts University and a Master of Science in library science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

She held library positions at the University of Kentucky, the University of Illinois at Chicago, the University of Miami (FL), Abington College Library (Pennsylvania State University), the State University of New York Stony Brook, and Washburn University. She was the Dean of the Ottenheimer Library at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock when she retired. Subsequent to her retirement she was the Interim Director of Library Services at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, IL.

Wanda was very active professionally. She held committee appointments in ALA (the American Library Association) for many years including serving elected terms on ALA Council. She was also an official ALA representative to IFLA (the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions). In her role as chair of the IFLA Statistics Section, she served on the IFLA Governing Board and the IFLA Professional Committee.

She was a highly regarded speaker and authored many publications. Her areas of interest included strategic planning and assessment as well as quantitative analysis of statistics. She spoke at many national and international conferences.

Wanda volunteered as a member of the Archives and Records Management Committee of the Archives of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, and served on the Vestry of the Church of the Ascension (Chicago). In addition she was a member of the Caxton Club (Chicago).

She traveled widely for work and pleasure, enjoying good food and drink with friends around the world. She relished the experience of being in a foreign culture. After falling in love with opera while living in Italy as a graduate student, she maintained a subscription to the Lyric Opera of Chicago for many years. Possessing impeccable taste in everything, she prized her extensive collection of Puerto Rican Santos.

Wanda will be greatly missed by her many friends and colleagues. A Requiem Mass will be held on Dec. 7, 2018, at noon at the Church of the Ascension. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Music Fund, Church of the Ascension, 1133 North LaSalle Blvd., Chicago, IL 60610-2601.