

Glory Yarbrough Sanders, PT



Glory attended Auburn University where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She graduated from Huntingdon College with a BS in Biology. She matriculated to Mayo Clinic where she earned a certificate in Physical Therapy.

Glory was the quintessential Physical Therapist. She started her career at Phoebe Putney Rehabilitation Clinic in Albany, GA. After several years she relocated to Atlanta where she was Chief PT at Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center. She was recruited for a special research and service grant sponsored by Emory University to develop a physical therapy department in an indigent and underserved community in Southside (current location of the GA Dome). In the early 1970's, she and her business partner, June Williams, established Atlanta Physical Therapy Clinic, the first female owned clinic and one of the first private practices in GA. She treated and facilitated improved health for hundreds of patients in Sandy Springs and Atlanta until her retirement in 2006. She was cofounder of Comprehensive Therapy Services which provided needed Physical, Occupational, and Speech Language Pathology services to special needs children in facilities throughout GA.

She chose to give back to her profession through her involvement in professional activities. She was a lifelong member of the American Physical Therapy Association and the GA APTA chapter. She served on the APTA Finance Committee, was on the Foundation for Physical Therapy Board of Directors for many years, and was awarded the APTA highest award for service, the Lucy Blair Outstanding Service Award. In the GA APTA, she held numerous positions including two terms as Chapter President, Chief Delegate and as a long-time delegate to the APTA House of Delegates. She was a founding and charter member of the GA Foundation for Physical Therapy and also served as President. She served as President of the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy for many years. She served as a clinical faculty instructor for students in the Department of Physical Therapy-at Georgia State University, Emory University and Medical College of Georgia. She believed in Physical Therapy and broadcast her love for her profession continuously. When she was 'roasted' by her colleagues for her many contributions and fund-raising efforts, she was described as so determined and convincing, she could sell you a car without an engine and convince you that you got a great deal!

Donations in memory of Glory may be made to the Georgia Foundation for Physical Therapy which are tax deductible and will benefit the scholarship fund and the research grant fund. Donations may be made online or you may mail a check as follows:

Georgia Foundation for Physical Therapy
596 Concord Road SE
Smyrna, GA 30082

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Thank you!

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