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**GAMMA PHI BETA REMEMBERS MARY JANE MISTHOS**

**Centennial, Colorado** – Gamma Phi Beta is heartbroken to share the news that Mary Jane Hipp Misthos (Colorado College, 1940) passed away on December 28. With heavy hearts, we mourn the loss of a dear sister, mentor and friend who left an indelible mark on so many.

“We share our deepest sympathies with Mary Jane’s family and friends. An intrepid member of Gamma Phi Beta, Mary Jane’s legacy in our organization reaches members far and wide. She will be deeply missed, but her love for Gamma Phi Beta, and our love for Mary Jane, endures through all those who remember her as a true and constant friend,” said International President Annabel Jones.

Initiated in 1940 at Alpha Phi Chapter at Colorado College, Mary Jane went on to serve as a traveling secretary (now collegiate leadership consultant) from 1947 to 1951. In 1951, Mary Jane began her tenure as executive director of Gamma Phi Beta, a position she held until 1956. Mary Jane served the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation Board of Trustees and went on to serve as Chair of the Foundation from 1972-76. In 1978, Mary Jane was elected to Grand Council (now International Council) as Director of Finance, serving until 1982.

Mary Jane’s vast service in Gamma Phi Beta included serving on the organization’s National Panhellenic Conference Delegation as second alternate from 1982-84, as well as service as research chairwoman and a member of the Publications Committee and Financial Advisory Board.

In 2015, Mary Jane celebrated 75 years as a member of Gamma Phi Beta, and had a record 31 pink carnations on her Confirmed Conventioneers hat, celebrating her attendance at 31 Gamma Phi Beta Conventions. She earned multiple Gamma Phi Beta awards and honors, including the Service Roll, Merit Roll, Honor Roll and Loyalty Award.

Memorial service information is not yet available. Please visit [GammaPhiBeta.org/News](http://GammaPhiBeta.org/News) for updates about services.

**About Gamma Phi Beta International Sorority**

Gamma Phi Beta International Sorority was founded in 1874 at Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York. The Sorority’s mission is to inspire the highest type of womanhood. Headquartered in Centennial, Colorado, the Sorority has chartered 188 collegiate chapters across the United States and Canada, and has more than 210,000 collegiate and alumnae members worldwide.

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