

**Dr. Patricia Perry, PhD, 87**

**July 30, 1924 - Sept. 13, 2011**

**OMAHA, NE** — Patricia Book Perry, PhD., 87, of North Platte, NE, formerly of Omaha, NE, died September 13, 2011 in North Platte, NE. Patricia was born July 30, 1924, in Harlan to Charles and Erie Bailey Book. She graduated from Bishop Clarkson School of Nursing in Omaha, NE as a Registered Nurse in 1945.

Patricia married Samuel H. Perry, M.D., December 30, 1944. They lived in Gothenburg, NE where he practiced medicine and they raised their two children. While living there, she was instrumental in the establishment of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, a mission parish in Cozad, NE. She was a member of PEO Chapter AW. In 1966 they moved to Omaha where she returned to college and graduated from the University of Nebraska, Omaha, with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1969 and a Masters of Education in 1973. She received her Doctor of Philosophy in Adult Education from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln in 1978. In 1966, Dr. Perry returned to Bishop Clarkson School of Nursing as an Instructor of Basic Sciences. In 1976 she was appointed Director of Bishop Clarkson School of Nursing, then Dean of the college in 1981, and President in 1988. She led the institution's transition from a diploma granting school to a college that now grants Bachelors and Masters Degrees in various medical related disciplines. During her tenure at Clarkson College, Dr. Perry was recognized as a highly respected educator and professional throughout the country and by her many students. Her favorite part of education was teaching students the science of nursing and life skills. She retired from Bishop Clarkson College in 1990 and remained President Emeritus until her death. Patricia was active at All Saints Episcopal Church, Omaha, served on the Vestry, and was their first female Warden. She was also an avid Husker fan attending all home and away football games.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents; and husband, Samuel H. Perry, M.D. She is survived by her son, Samuel H. Perry II, M.D. and his wife Lynda of North Platte, NE; daughter, Patricia E. Kampfe and her husband Randall of Decatur, IL; grandsons, Samuel Perry III, Mitchell Perry and his wife, Nikki; granddaughters, Anne Sievers and her husband Shann and Elizabeth Plinske and her husband Paul; plus four great grandchildren; and one brother-in-law, Robert E. Owens of Cozad, NE.

A memorial service and inurnment will be held at 10:00 a.m. October 21, 2011 at All Saints Episcopal Church, Omaha, NE. Memorials may be made to the Patricia B. Perry endowed Scholarship, Clarkson College, 101 South 42nd Street, Omaha, NE 68131 or to the All Saints Episcopal Church, 9302 Blondo, Omaha, NE 68134. Online condolences may be shared at [www.adamsswanson.com](http://www.adamsswanson.com).

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