

Mary M. Swan
1999 Friend of Education

Mary M. Swan, retired English teacher, taught in Niles, Michigan, before fulfilling her career at Wayland Academy. Nominators Kay Voelker and Gloria Wheeler reported, "Mary Swan has been a benefactor for education throughout her life. She continues her family's tradition, of interest and support for the Beaver Dam community." The special educational opportunities she provides for all students in Beaver Dam reflects Swan's personal interest in education. She gives important support to the Scholarship Foundation, the Beaver Dam High School Scholarship Program, the Beaver Dam YMCA, and the Beaver Dam Community Library. Swan maintains interest and support for many local organizations that involve students, such as the Beaver Dam Area Arts Association, the Beaver Dam Area Orchestra, and musical and drama programs. The Swan Family Scholarship, in memory of Swan's brother, George, is the largest scholarship awarded through the Beaver Dam High School Scholarship Committee. In support of Swan's nomination, Sylvia Richards states, "We think Mary should be your choice for recognition at this ending of the twentieth century because of the tremendous impact she and her family have had on the cultural and educational history of Beaver Dam through these many past years."