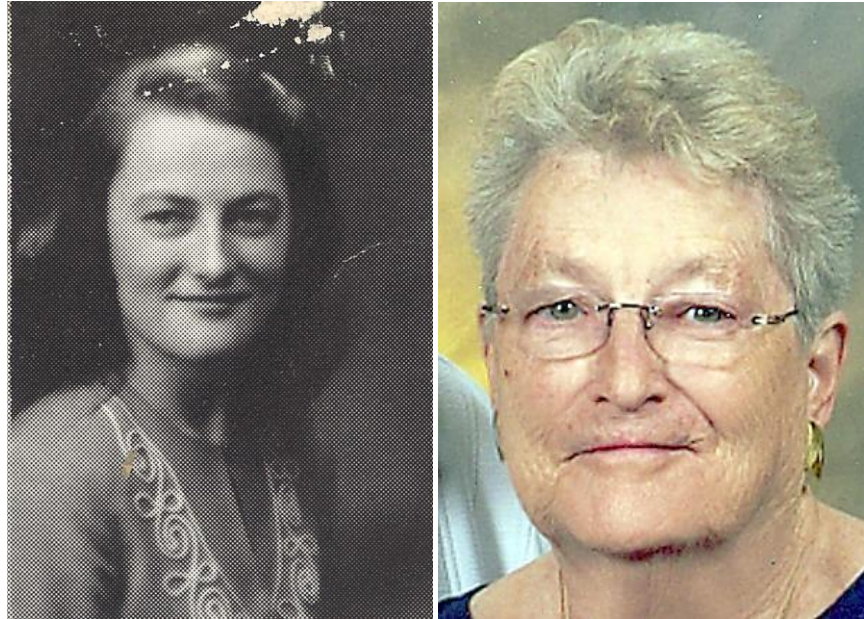


## Spotlight on Eleanor Propp



Eleanor "Elly" E. (Cuscaden) Propp, entered NSD as the 1,341<sup>st</sup> student in September 17, 1934 and graduated in May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1947. Elly was born March 20, 1927, in Omaha to a family of deaf parents, a deaf brother and sister, one hearing sister, and was deaf herself from infancy. She attended Gallaudet and upon graduation became physical educator at Iowa School for the Deaf in 1952.

A strong advocate for the deaf and of American Sign Language education, Elly worked for many years representing and advocating for the deaf in Nebraska as a Nebraska School for the Deaf and Gallaudet College (now University) alumnus and community liaison with the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. She was the president of Nebraska Association of the Deaf in late 1990's.

Through her work at NCDHH and teaching sign language classes at Southeast Community College for many years, she is responsible for educating hundreds of people as to the beauty and complexity of American Sign Language and for the sign language skills and integrity of a generation of professional sign language interpreters in and outside of Nebraska.

She married George Propp and had four children, one whom were Deaf. All of her immediate Deaf family members attended NSD. Elly passed away on early Sunday morning, October 2, 2011.

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