

Proposition: 18-16/17

Title: A Memorial in Honor of Ann M. Palormo

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Ann M. Palormo, former NMSU Development and Advancement Officer, passed away unexpectedly on November 4, 2016. She is survived by two daughters, grandchildren, a sister, nieces and nephews, and dozens of dear friends.

Upon arriving to our campus in 1989, she quickly became a successful Development Director for KRWG-FM. Additionally; she immersed herself in numerous projects and activities, both on and off campus. Serving the University for over twenty-five years, her effort helped Advancement raise scholarship dollars, she wrote for Panorama, and she was committed to the American Association of University Women and their yearly *Girls Can!* events.

Even in retirement, she remained a very strong supporter of KRWG. As an original member of the *Rowdy Bunch* during membership drives, her enthusiasm with the other phone volunteers was punctuated with cow bells and cheers as pledges were received. The campus art community continued to feel her presence and passion.

If Ann was a dynamo on campus, her community energy and contributions would need to be considered a tsunami. Volunteering at El Cadito Soup Kitchen, organizing Empty Bowls, and being recognized as a *Woman of Distinction* by the Girl Scouts were just some of her most notable contributions Ann made to the Las Cruces and Doña Ana County communities. The Doña Ana Arts Council's Renaissance Faire combined two of her loves - the arts and baking - as she spearheaded the delivery of muffins for the other volunteers to enjoy.

NMSU and the dozens of organizations and recipients of her kindness will truly miss Ann M. Palormo. The NMSU Faculty Senate joins the entire community in extending its deepest condolences and sympathies to her family, friends and all who knew her. Her vibrant energy and indomitable spirit has left a better community for each of us.