

Remembering Susan Dudas (1935-2022)



Colleagues and friends remember **Susan Dudas**, UIC College of Nursing associate professor emerita, as a beloved professor and mentor, a skilled clinician in oncology nursing, and an advocate for the Midwest Nursing History Research Center.

Dudas died on July 11 at 87 years old.

Dudas was born Olga Susan Dudas but dropped her first name while in high school in Whiting, Indiana, and was forevermore known by her middle name, Susan, or Sue for short. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from Indiana University. In 1968, she worked as a nurse consultant for Project Hope in Trujillo, Peru, helping to establish a new bachelor's in nursing degree at the University of Trujillo, according to her [obituary](#).

At the UIC College of Nursing, she served as associate dean for academic affairs under dean emerita **Mi Ja Kim**, PhD, RN, FRCN, FAAN.

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Dudas also co-authored two editions of a medical-surgical nursing textbook and published numerous articles and chapters in other nursing books and professional journals. She was also a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, according to her obituary.

She was instrumental in ensuring the viability of the Midwest Nursing History Research Center, housed at UIC Nursing, Kim says, by sitting on the advisory board for many years and helping to secure some of its earliest collections.

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“It was my privilege to work with Sue who served as the associate dean for academic affairs during my tenure as the dean,” Kim continues. “We owe her a great debt of gratitude for excellent administration of academic matters in the college, and in the department of medical-surgical nursing as the interim head.

Sue was a beloved professor/teacher to hundreds of students, a mentor to faculty, and an avid clinician in oncology, specializing in ostomy care. She was a lover and practitioner of history. She was instrumental in insuring the viability of the Midwest Center for Nursing History Research at our college. [We] feel the acute pain of losing a friend and a rare champion of nursing history.