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WORK EXPERIENCE:

After being based in Seattle from 1974-2001, Marty has been a consultant on aging in Port Townsend WA. Now partially retired, her work has included social work consulting to nursing homes, teaching, writing and counseling with elders and their families, working with faith communities in adult education, participating in employee assistance programs and giving presentations on aging family concerns and spirituality and aging around the US and Canada.

Marty has had an enduring involvement in working in long term care that began when she volunteered in nursing homes as a college student. From 1971-1984 she held a variety of social services roles in long term care facilities. She was a practicum instructor for social work students in an interdisciplinary training program at Foss Home in Seattle from 1979-1984.

Prior to working in nursing homes Marty worked briefly for a family counseling service agency and the Department of Public Assistance (now DSHS) in Spokane Washington.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Marty has held several teaching roles at the UW School of Social Work and through the Interdisciplinary Institute on Aging and the Certificate Program in Gerontology from 1979 through 2013. Retiring in 2013 as affiliate assistant professor, she has taught classes on the family and aging and social and cultural aspects of aging. From 1985-1989 she coordinated basic core training for DSHS for adult services workers. She also has done outreach work to Washington, Alaska, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming through the Northwest Geriatric Education Center of the UW.

Other college teaching experiences include one year at Lutheran Bible Institute (now Trinity College), several years as a part

time instructor at Edmonds Community College teaching aging classes. She also spent a summer semester at Seattle University SUMORE program as an instructor and a two week stint as instructor at the Graduate Theological Union in San Francisco.

Marty also provides community education to service groups, caregiver groups and communities. She has served as a keynote speaker or workshop leader for national professional groups (for social workers, clergy, health care professionals and gerontologists) and national denominational groups.

EDUCATION:

Marty received a BA in sociology (social welfare concentration) from Augustana College in January 1967, and her MSW (Master of Social Work) from the University of Washington School of Social Work in March 1970. Her field experiences in both programs were in state mental hospitals.