

## **2004 AIH FOUNDERS AWARD**

### **Helen Klose, Recipient**

The AIH Founders Award was established in 1990 to recognize individuals who have made outstanding, long and dedicated service to the Institute. It was established to honor the AIH founders, Sandor Csallany, Alex Zaporozec and Roman Kanivetsky. The award is given at the discretion of the AIH Executive Board to a member of AIH for outstanding, long, and dedicated service to the Institute. The first Founders Award was presented to Ralph C. Heath at the 10th Anniversary Meeting of AIH in Orlando on November 4, 1991.

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**2004 AIH Founders Award Recipient:** Helen Klose (1939- 2004)

Helen Klose died January 27, 2004, due to complications from a brain aneurysm. In 1982, Ms. Klose joined the newly founded American Institute of Hydrology as its Office Manager.

The American Institute of Hydrology was founded in Minnesota in 1981 by Messrs. Csallany, Zaporozec and Kanivetsky to certify hydrologists working in the profession. As their first step in getting organized, they had the vision -- or remarkably good fortune -- to hire Helen Klose, who worked single-handedly for over 21 years, running the organization.

Through her dedicated service, she saw AIH grow from a few hundred members to over 1,000 today. She knew every one of the members by first name and was always looking to find ways to attract new members. Helen was involved in virtually everything that AIH has accomplished over the years. She handled all financial matters, organized the annual meeting, kept all new applicants moving through the review process, published the quarterly newsletter and annual Journal and dealt with a daily stream of questions from the membership with grace and professionalism. AIH's highly respected reputation was the reflection of Helen Klose's dedicated service, congenial personality and professionalism.

She is survived by her daughter, Belinda, her son, Bill, his wife, Tarii, and three grandsons, Collin, Nathan and Nikolas. The 1,000 members of the AIH family grieve the loss of Helen Klose. She will be missed by all of us.