Margaret S. Gordon died on October 3, 2016 at Aberdeen Heights in Kirkwood Missouri. She was born January 11, 1921 in St. Louis Missouri, the daughter of Henry and Minnie (Jacoby) Schutz. She moved to Lawrence, Kansas in 1970 and returned to St. Louis to live near her family in 2013.

She attended St. Louis public schools and received BA and MSW degrees from Washington University in St. Louis. She was elected to Mortar Board and Phi Beta Kappa. She served as a social worker at Washington University Medical Center for 10 years, was on the faculty of the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University for 16 years, and joined the faculty of the School of Social Welfare, University of Kansas, in 1970. She retired as Professor Emerita in 1983.

She married Dr. William E. Gordon in 1980 in Lawrence, Kansas. He died in 1990.

Mrs. Gordon was a member of the National Association of Social Workers, Council on Social Work Education, the Endacott Society (KU retirees), the First United Methodist Church, and Delta Gamma, social sorority. She served on the boards of Interfaith Caring Neighbors, Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging, the Kaw Valley Chapter of the Older Women’s League, and Douglas County Senior Services. She was elected to the University of Kansas Women’s Hall of Fame, selected as a Distinguished Alumna of the George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, and awarded as an Outstanding Faculty Member at the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare.

Survivors include four step-children, Brian Gordon, St. Louis, MO, Alan Gordon, Sudbury, MA, H. Kathleen Cook, St. Louis, MO, Harley Gordon, Elk River, MN, 5 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, two nieces, 2 nephews, and their families.

Private services will be held at a later date. The family suggests memorials to Douglas County Senior Services, the First United Methodist Church, Lawrence, Kansas, or the charity of your choice.
From her personnel file

1970 - 1983 Director of Practicum

After retirement in 1983, Prof. Gordon continued to contribute her knowledge on a part-time basis both as a field liaison and instructor.

Teaching Social Work and Aging.

Margo Lecture Series in her honor established by George Garfield.
local legislators cast their votes

REAPPRaisal

A bill that would have begun a statewide study for the reappraisal of property came up this year and was passed by the Senate on March 8, but killed by the House on April 4.

The same day the House killed the bill, it reconsidered and sent the bill back to committee for further study.

The bill would let the legislature collect information on property values during the next five years to begin a statewide reappraisal.

Currently, property is assessed at different values, and the new bill would make the assessment uniform.

A provision in the bill that now would force the legislature to increase the number of legislatures to 20 in the new district was included in the House, and when the bill was sent back, the House agreed to the provision, but the Senate disagreed.

According to the Senate, the bill would increase the number of legislators to 20 in the new district, which would make it more difficult for the legislature to pass legislation.

The House, on the other hand, argued that the bill was necessary to ensure the fair assessment of property, which is a fundamental principle of the Constitution.

The bill, if passed, would also require the legislature to adopt a uniform property tax rate, which would make it easier for taxpayers to compare property values across the state.

The bill would also require the legislature to establish a property tax appeals board, which would provide a more transparent and fair process for property owners who disagree with their assessed value.

The bill passed the House by a margin of 21-17 on a vote on April 6, with Winter voting to pass the bill.

A misdemeanor to a Class E felony.

The bill came about as a compromise after efforts to raise the state's property tax rates.

The bill would increase the property tax rate from 2% to 3%, which would generate an estimated $5 billion in additional revenue for the state's schools.

The bill would also slightly raise the property tax rate on commercial property to 3.5%.