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Foundation Board Mourns the Passing of Elizabeth B. Devereaux, Past President

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Bethesda, Maryland - The American Occupational Therapy Foundation is sad to report the passing of Ms. Elizabeth B. Devereaux. Ms. Devereaux died on May 10, 2010 in Huntington, WV. She was 84.

Ms. Devereaux was a former president and honorary life board member of the Foundation, serving as president from 1988-1994. She retired in 1994 after serving for 16 years as Associate Professor and Director, Division of Occupational Therapy, in the Department of Psychiatry, Marshall University School of Medicine.

Elizabeth Devereaux earned her Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy from the Ohio State University and her Master of Social Work degree from West Virginia University. She was a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association and in 1984 received its highest award, the Award of Merit, a richly deserved honor recognizing her many leadership roles in that organization. Liz, as her friends affectionately knew her, received the AOTA-AOTF Presidents' Commendation in honor of Wilma L. West in 2004 for her sustained contributions to the profession of Occupational Therapy over a lifetime of service. Elizabeth Devereaux is survived by three adult children.

In learning of Elizabeth Devereaux's passing, Diana Ramsay, President of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation, released the following statement: "Elizabeth Devereaux was an exceptional woman with extraordinary leadership talents. On behalf of the board of directors, I offer my deepest condolences to her family."

The family requests that memorials in Elizabeth Devereaux's honor be sent to the American Occupational Therapy Foundation to go toward the Elizabeth B. Devereaux Scholarship of the West Virginia Occupational Therapy Association or The Hospice of Huntington, Huntington, WV.

The American Occupational Therapy Foundation is a 501c3 charitable, scientific and educational organization established in 1965. Its mission is to advance research, education, and leadership in the field of occupational therapy and to raise public awareness of the importance of enabling individuals to participate fully in life regardless of their physical, social, mental, or developmental circumstances.