

## Susan M. Disch-Reiss

MADISON - Susan M. Disch Reiss, age 62, of Madison, formerly of Green County, died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison. Susan was born on July 23, 1942, in Monroe, the daughter of Frederick C. and Dorothy M. [Elmer] Disch. She graduated from Monticello High School in 1960, and earned a degree in journalism from UW-Madison. Susan was a former Green County Dairy Queen, Alice in Dairyland, and National Corn Picking Queen. She married Bernard A. Reiss on Aug. 4, 1984, in Madison. Her career spanned 39 years at UW-Madison, from 1965 until a few days prior to her death. She was a dedicated member of the staff of summer sessions, later known as the Division of Summer Sessions and enter-college programs, and currently as the Division of Continuing Studies. Throughout her entire career, Susan was the public information officer for summer sessions at UW-Madison; Mrs. Disch was responsible for the Summer Bulletin, timetable, program brochures and flyers, posters, calendars, and news releases for one of the largest summer sessions in the United States. In more recent years, her summer session responsibilities included coordination of the long-standing summer sessions forum, open to enrolled students and the public. With colleagues in the division across campus, Susan assisted in the development of the year-round office for special and guest students; the 125th anniversary of UW-Madison; the campus celebration of the nation's bi-centennial in 1976; and the implementation and on-going service to PLATO, the Participatory Learning and Teaching Organization for seniors. During her career, Mrs. Disch worked with Director Clay Schoenfeld, author of "The American University in Summer;" Harland Samson, emeritus dean; and current dean, Howard Martin. Her insights were of great value in the development of NAASS [North American Association of Summer Sessions]; the first 30 years from 1964 until 1993, prepared by former colleague, Nancy Abraham. Together, she and Ms. Abraham compiled University Women's Service Club, 41 years of service from 1953 until 1994, an organization in which she served as vice president from 1981 until 1982, and as president from 1982 until 1983. Mrs. Disch was, for many years, an active member of the Madison Professional Chapter of the Association for Women in Communication. In addition, she was a member of the Madison Civics Club. She had a very creative mind, which she employed with dedication, diligence, and professionalism throughout her decades of service at UW-Madison.



Survivors include her husband, Bernard Reiss of Madison; mother, Dorothy Jensen of Monroe; brother, Dennis F. Disch of Milwaukee; step-sister, Carol Janney of Tucson, Ariz.; aunt, Marian Zimmerman of Monticello; uncle, Donald Elmer of Davis, Ill.; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, in 1977; step-father, Carl Jensen, in 2002; and an aunt and uncle, Henry and Rose Elmer. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004, at 10:30 am, at the VOEGELI-NEWCOMER FUNERAL HOME, 360 S. Garfield St., Monticello. Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl of the Monroe Bible Church will officiate. Interment will be in Highland Cemetery, Monticello. Friends may call at the funeral home on Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. A memorial fund will be established in Susan's name for the American Cancer Society