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## IN MEMORIAM

### CDR RUTH CAROLYN WHITE BUGGY

Life Member

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CDR Ruth Carolyn White Buggy, USN (ret) and an active Life Member of SWE, died in Philadelphia on July 13, 1995. A pioneer member of SWE (ML520055), Carolyn served as Society Vice President for part of FY58-59 and for FY57-58, Washington Section Director and Chairman of various Section committees during the 1950's, and Philadelphia Section Representative (1960-1961), Section Vice Chairman (FY63-64), Section Chairman (FY71 and FY72), Secretary (FY73 through FY75), ETSCO delegate (most of 1963-1984), career guidance committee member, science fair judge, and high school career day speaker throughout the 1960's, 1970's, 1980's, and early 1990's until failing health forced her to curtail her activities. Carolyn established the Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS) in the Delaware Valley; she and her husband, Rodman, ran most of the JETS Program in the area for about two decades. Carolyn was named to the Philadelphia Section Hall of Fame in 1989 to honor her for the many contributions she made to the Section.

Carolyn White Buggy was born in Bisbee, AZ on December 30, 1911 and graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with Bachelor and Masters degrees in Mathematics and Education. After teaching for several years in a one-room school house in southern Arizona, she joined the US Navy in 1943 and took graduate studies in Electronics at MIT and Harvard. As a LT (jg), she taught radar and other complex electronic equipment at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and helped to establish Electronics Shops at other naval shipyards. At the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, Carolyn served as Assistant Design Superintendent and Head of the Management Planning and Review Department. The Navy recognized her exceptional expertise in electronics when she was designated the first woman Engineering Duty Officer. Carolyn served in the Navy for 21 years and retired as a full commander in 1963, at which time she was still the only woman Engineering Duty Officer the Navy ever had.

In addition to ETSCO and SWE, Carolyn was active in the Philadelphia Engineers' Club, the Women's Auxiliary of the PA Society of Professional Engineers, the Franklin Institute, and the Reserve Officers Association. Carolyn and Rodman had just celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary. Rodman also supported many SWE Philadelphia Section meetings, many times sitting in for Carolyn at ETSCO meetings when she was unable to attend. Together, Carolyn and Rodman Buggy provided career counseling and guidance for both students and young professions