

M. Elizabeth Carnegie

2008 Calendar

M. Elizabeth Carnegie, who passed away on February 20, 2008, dedicated her life to the advancements of the nursing profession, as well as African Americans and other minorities in nursing. A past president of the American Academy of Nursing (1978-1979), she served as dean and professor of the school of nursing at Florida A&M University from 1945-1953. Carnegie also initiated the baccalaureate nursing program at Hampton University, a historically black college and university located in Virginia, where the nursing archives are named in her honor.

Employed at the *American Journal of Nursing* from 1953 to 1978, Carnegie wrote, edited and contributed to nearly 20 books; and authored *The Path We Tread: Blacks in Nursing Worldwide, 1854-1994*. In 2003, Carnegie shared her perspective on African Americans in Nursing in the introduction of the Aetna calendar. She wrote: "Nursing is an evolving and growing profession, thanks in part to the significant contributions made by black nurses every day."

