

In Memoriam Anna Nelson, CDA, RDA, MS



Anna Nelson, a past national president, state president and pioneering member of the American Dental Assistants Association died suddenly at her home in San Francisco on Jan. 18, 2011. Ms. Nelson was the 2000-2001 national president of the ADAA and currently was serving as the editorial director for The Dental Assistant journal, ADAA's official publication. A life member of the ADAA, Ms. Nelson had held every office in the ADAA's local, state, and national components. Recipient of numerous awards and citations, she received the first Kay Mosley Award presented by the ADAA Foundation in recognition of achievements on behalf of the profession, the ADAA, and the Foundation. She was also serving as secretary of the ADAA Foundation at the time of her death. Until last fall, Ms. Nelson was program director for dental assisting at the City Colleges of San Francisco, but had revised her status to continue exclusively as a teacher with the colleges and devote additional time to ancillary professional activities and family matters. The members of CDAA will deeply mourn her loss. She was truly one of a kind... **Special note:** We know Anna's many friends and professional associates will deeply mourn the loss of her good humored assistance, support and good company. Memorial donations may be made in her honor to the ADAA Foundation at Suite 1730, 35 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL, 60601-2211.