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T. Grace Emori

— Woman of the Year —

Outstanding Achievement

2001

For more than 33 years, T. Grace Emori has been a leader in infection control. In 1968, she came to Loma Linda University Medical Center as a nurse epidemiologist. As only the third nurse epidemiologist in the US, she walked into the unknown and therein created a profession.

1974, Emori recently retired as a captain in the United States Public Health Service. Throughout her career, Emori presented dozens of papers and posters at scientific meetings and authored 22 articles in reviewed scholarly journals and eight book chapters.

During World War II, the Emori family was forced into a concentration camp for Japanese Americans in Arkansas. Eventually the guards left, so Grace and her sister climbed the empty guard towers and looked far beyond their camp. Both grew up to take the long view and climbed beyond oppression.

Having worked at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, GA, since



Grace was an elder at her church and served on both the AIDS Committee and the Board of Higher Education for the General Conference. She also was a board member of Atlanta Adventist Academy and Loma Linda University. She volunteered for Peachtree Hospice and supported the Association of Adventist Forums.

Lisa M. Beardsley, Vice
Chancellor for

Academic Affairs, Loma Linda University, says of Grace: “For her pluckiness, faith, and the audacity of succeeding when society—literally—prescribed otherwise, Grace Emori is an inspiration.”

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