

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## *Regents Communication*

### **ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Death**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement**

The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **Jeanne Raisler, M.S.N., Dr.P.H.**, clinical associate professor in nursing in the School of Nursing. Professor Raisler died at the age of 59 on May 19, 2006.

Professor Raisler received her B.A. degree from the University of Chicago in 1968, her B.S.N. degree from the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center in 1974, her M.S.N. degree in nurse midwifery from Columbia University in 1976, her M.P.H. degree from the University of California-Berkeley, her M.P.H. degree from the University of California-Berkeley in 1984, and her Dr.P.H. degree in maternal and child health from The Johns Hopkins University in 1995. She joined the University of Michigan School of Nursing faculty in 1996 as an assistant professor in the Nurse Midwifery Graduate Program; she became a clinical assistant professor in 2005, and her promotion to clinical associate professor was approved in May 2006.

During her 30-year career as a nurse midwife, Professor Raisler contributed as an educator, mentor, caregiver, writer, and editor. She was an accomplished breastfeeding advocate and researcher with numerous publications to her credit. In recent years, Professor Raisler devoted herself to promoting the role of nurses in HIV/AIDS care in Africa. Her commitment to social justice began during her high school years when she was a tutor in Spanish Harlem and she continued to promote quality health care for poor women throughout her life. The American College of Nurse Midwives recognized her contributions twice, by inducting her as a Fellow in 1999 and by awarding her its Regional Award for Excellence in 2004.

Professor Raisler will be greatly missed by her family, friends and colleagues, and will be remembered as an inspiration and visionary by all those whose lives she touched. As we mourn the loss of this dedicated faculty member, our condolences go to her husband, Jonathan Cohn, and her children, Josina and Josh.

**Requested by:**

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**Sally J. Churchill**  
**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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