

Glennys “Terry” Saba

Glennys Devere Paul was born in Marshalltown, Iowa, March 15, 1932 and lived in a rural farming community with her parents and sister, Mary Lee. She attended grade school in Iowa until her family moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where her father worked in a B-26 Bomber factory during World War II.

At the end of WWII, the factory closed down and the family moved back to Iowa. On July 4, 1946, they moved to Arizona. “Terry” (dubbed by her school friends) spent her freshman year at Phoenix Union High School and the following three years at North High School. Terry always enjoyed school and excelled in her classes. She was a member of many extra-curricular activities and made life-long friends.

Terry continued her education at Arizona State University where she met her future husband, Norman Saba, on a blind date. They were married on December 7, 1951 and eventually settled in Chandler, Arizona. Norman taught school in Queen Creek, farmed, and soon began working at the family business, Saba’s Western Wear. Terry’s full-time job was raising their five children.

Terry and Norman’s children and some of their grandchildren attended Cleveland, Hartford, Erie and Andersen Elementary Schools. They then attended Chandler, Bogle and Andersen Junior High Schools continuing on to Chandler and Hamilton High Schools. During the years that Terry spent volunteering in various positions in each of her children’s classrooms and schools, she realized that there was a need for new ideas, new blood and new leadership in the system. She and her sister convinced Eddie Basha, Jr. to run for the Chandler School Board. Eddie served on the school board and in 1968, he, in turn, encouraged Terry to run. Terry won the election and became Chandler Unified School District’s first elected female school board member and served from 1968 to 1978.

Terry was always active in the community. She served as a Cub Scout Den Mother and Girl Scout Leader. She presently continues to serve as a member of the Chandler Service Club, which helps raise funds to address the needs of our most needy children and also funds school scholarships for Chandler students.

As a member of Philanthropic Education Organization (P.E.O.), Terry helped raise funds for over 30 years. P.E.O. is a women’s organization that celebrates the advancement of women by motivating them to achieve their highest aspirations.

Terry is active with the Chandler Education Foundation. She works to support the Foundation’s vision to create responsible citizenship, promote lifelong learning and generate funds for scholarships. Terry recently created the Norman Saba Scholarship for Agricultural Studies through generous gifts given by family and friends in memory of her late husband.

In 2006, Terry and Norman were recognized with the *Chandler Citizens of History* Award presented by the Chandler Historical Society. She still volunteers for the Chandler Historical Society to raise funds to preserve Chandler’s history.

Terry has also been active within her church for almost 60 years to help promote inter-religion relationships, aid and educate third-world countries.

Terry loves to travel and has visited many places around the world. She has hiked and rafted in the Grand Canyon and white water rafted on the Bio River in Chile. She also enjoys quilting, gardening and canning.

Terry continues to play a strong role in contributing to the Chandler community by being a wonderful mother and grandmother, a diligent fund raiser, an active volunteer and a huge proponent of public education. Her personal mission has always been to create and support a strong family, support excellence in education and community service.

Respectfully request the Basha High School Fine Arts Building be named in honor of Terry Saba. As presented by Superintendent Dr. Camille Casteel and signed this 23rd day of October 2013.

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