

## Ripon Printers Mourns the Loss of Co-founder and Company Matriarch Audrey Lyke

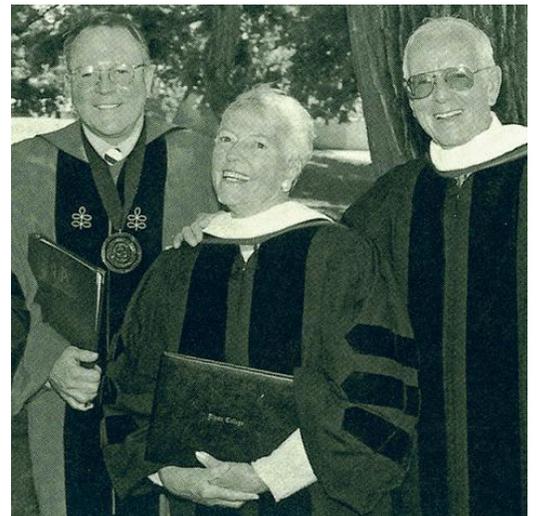


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Audrey Lyke, who co-founded the *Ripon Commonwealth Press* in 1962 and subsequently Ripon Printers with her late husband, Doug (1930-2002), passed away on August 23, at the age of 87. She immediately became active in the financial side of the business, while Doug focused on sales and operations. A graduate of Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., Audrey evolved into a much-honored community leader who inspired both a sense of family and a commitment to public service in our company and beyond.

Throughout her life, she and Doug were actively engaged and generous contributors to the growth and development of the Ripon community, and loyal supporters of Ripon College. Audrey was a Ripon College Honorary Life Trustee.

In addition, the couple received the College's Founders' Day Award in 1994, presented annually to an individual, couple, group or organization in the greater Ripon community who exemplifies the ideals of the founders of Ripon College. Then both she and Doug received honorary degrees from the college in 2001. "Audrey and Doug Lyke are real treasures for the city of Ripon and for Ripon College," said Former Ripon College President Paul Ranslow when he presented the degrees. "They take their responsibilities and commitments seriously while avoiding taking themselves too seriously."



Audrey and Doug likewise gave generously to the Annual Fund, endowment, Friends of Lane Library and Ripon College Athletics. The new indoor track in the Willmore Center will be named the Doug and Audrey Lyke Memorial Track in honor of her and her late husband.

Audrey was also a pillar of the broader Ripon community for many years. She founded the annual Dickens of a Christmas weekend event held each December. Now entering its 27<sup>th</sup> year, the entire town comes alive with the spirit of Christmas' past, present and future.

Audrey is survived by her four children, Kim, Sue, Tim (Publisher of the *Ripon Commonwealth Press*) and Andy (President of Ripon Printers).

A memorial service was held Saturday, Aug. 26, at the First Congregational Church in Ripon, Wisc.

The entrepreneurial spirit, family values and customer focus of Audrey and Doug will continue to guide Ripon Printers.

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