

Information on Jeanne Preus Rost

Jeanne Preus Rost was born April 30, 1919, the daughter of J.C.K. Preus and his wife, Dikka, a well-known Luther family. After graduating from Luther in 1941, she worked for the Federal Housing Administration, the U.S. Air Transport Command and the U.S. Department of State from 1941-1947. She also worked in American embassies in Oslo, Norway and Stockholm, Sweden from 1948-1951 and the Veterans Administration from 1951-1952. In 1952, she married Lawrence E. Rost who preceded her in death in 1970.

Rost was a generous donor to Luther College. Some of her major gifts were the Rost Memorial Organ in the Center for Faith and Life, the reception area in the Jenson Hall of Music and funds for Preus Library intended for rare books and books focusing on Scandinavian studies. She received a Distinguished Service Award from Luther in 1978 in recognition of her "accomplishments as an employee of the U.S. government and her distinguished contributions to Luther College" (Distinguished Service Award Citation, October 13, 1978).