

Mary McLellan

August 8, 1931-November 20, 2018

- University of Wisconsin Lacrosse; In her honor, Mary had a gymnastics meet named after her, the Gershon/McLellan Invitational. The McLellan name was added to the title in 1998 in honor of **Mary McLellan**, a former coach and staff member in the college of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at UWL. She was a pioneer in the growth of women's athletics at UWL. McLellan coached women's gymnastics for seven seasons before it became an official varsity sport. She was also the first varsity volleyball coach at UWL. <https://uwlathletics.com/news/2020/1/31/womens-gymnastics-uwl-wins-gershon-mcclellan-invitational-in-home-opener.aspx>
- Ph.D. Thesis; "An experiment using three films in rhythmical gymnastics using hand apparatus" [microform] / by Mary I. McLellan 1969, University of Iowa
- Mary was instrumental in helping to create NAWGJ.
- Mary was the coach of many gymnasts.
- Many Lacrosse, Wisconsin judges were recruited by Mary.

Mary I. McLellan

Obituary from <https://couleecremation.com/mary-i-mcclellan/>
November 24, 2018

McLellan, Mary I., 86, Holmen, died 20 November 2018 at Brookdale/Clair Bridge Memory Care surrounded by special friends. Mary was born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, August 8, 1931. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bob and Dorothy (Ferguson) McLellan of Toronto, Ontario, a sister, Jean Flatman, and a nephew, Robert Flatman, of Timmins, Ontario.

Mary attended the University of Toronto where she earned her physical education degree. She received her MS and PhD from the University of Iowa in 1963 and 1969 respectively. Mary taught at Silver Heights Collegiate High School in Winnipeg, Canada, University of Iowa and she was a professor at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (1963-1996). She developed and directed the UW-L undergraduate fitness and sports management programs until her retirement in 1996.

While on the faculty at UW-L, Mary taught gymnastics, swimming, sport management, badminton, evaluation, and numerous other activities. She served her profession on the national level as chair of the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women-Gymnastics (AIAW), Chair of National Association of Girls and Women's Sports Gymnastic (NAGWS),

Symposium Director for the National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges (NAWGJ), Board of Director for Judges Certification, Inc. She organized and directed numerous judging workshops in Wisconsin. She was the advisor to the UWL "Gymnastiques", a rhythmic gymnastics performing group. She was inducted into the Wisconsin Gymnastic Hall of Fame in 2000 and was honored as the Oregon Judge of the Year in 1979-80.

Mary also enjoyed symphony and was Conductor Wanabe for the La Crosse Symphony Orchestra and was honored as patron of the year for the Borrego Springs, California Performing Arts Center.

Mary is survived by a niece, Janet Flatman (Jun Kim), 3 nieces (Julia, Jessica, Jenna) and one nephew (Justin) of Timmins, Ontario, and longtime friend Sandra Price, Holmen, Wisconsin.

Services for Mary will be held Saturday, December 1st at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 701 Well St, Onalaska, WI. Visitation 4:30 -5:15 PM. Service 5:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers consider a donation to Gundersen Medical Center Hospice program or a charity of your choice.