

[In Memoriam]

# Remembering Joan Pierson and John Stewart

Joan K. Pierson, professor emerita of information and decision sciences, died Sept. 16 in Salina, Kan. She served on the JMU faculty for 16 years and returned home to Kansas after retiring. Pierson represented the College of Business on the JMU General Education Committee, which made recommendations regarding the structure and implementation of the general education curriculum. She wrote several books including *Introduction to Business Information Systems* (1989) and *Managing with Computers* (1997). Pierson specialized in information systems curricula development and evaluation and was active nationally and internationally in curriculum development. She received a Fulbright Scholarship to study in the West Indies in 1985–86.



John Gideon Stewart, associate professor emeritus of German, Latin and education, died on Aug. 27. Born in Vienna, Austria, Stewart came to the United States in 1939. He served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945. His and his wife Nancy Branner Stewart ('67, '73M), were members of Greater Madison. Stewart served the faculty in the JMU Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures from 1957 to 1984, teaching mostly German and Latin. After retirement, he continued to teach classes in American Folk Culture in the sociology department. He was one of the founding members and served as president of the Shenandoah Valley Folklore Society. ❧



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