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Dr. Carol Sue Miles' commitment to public policy, social justice, and dedication to education and positive parenting has benefited countless individuals in West Virginia and beyond. With a career spanning 37 years with the Cooperative Extension Service and over 20 years of teaching, she has significantly contributed to communities through education, service, and leadership. Carol earned her Bachelor of Arts and Teacher's

Certification from WVU in 1962. She then joined WVU Extension as a Home Demonstration Agent, serving Marshall, Marion, and Monongalia Counties.

Carol's career included positions at several New York universities. She taught sociology at Colgate University in Hamilton, NY, and served in an Extension role at Cornell University, where she started a 4-H Club in a community lacking extracurricular opportunities for youth. She returned to WVU in 1987, serving as a 4-H Specialist, working with a team to plan and conduct state camps for youth across the state.

Throughout her career, Carol prioritized one-to-one visits with parents and teens. She regularly contributed articles to local newspapers, conducted workshops, and worked with youth groups.

Carol was a member of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and served actively in several community organizations. A pivotal moment in her career was a volunteer trip to Uganda. For a month, Carol, along with a church group, worked in four overcrowded orphanages, cleaning, painting, and replacing beds and mattresses. The impact of that trip and the children she met led her to establish The Uganda Fund as a 501(c)(3) organization. Funds from this organization helped a young woman from Uganda graduate from university and become a teacher. Carol's dedication to making a difference in the lives of individuals, families, and communities has spanned decades and has been a source of great pride in her life.