

**JHR's former Managing Editor, Barbara Dennis**  
**8/21/1918—11/26/2006**

Madison - Barbara D. Dennis, age 88, died on Sunday, November 26, 2006, with the love and support of the Alterra Sterling House in Sun Prairie.

Barbara Dennis was born on August 21, 1918 to Walter and Belle (Shellabarger) Dunham in Chicago, Illinois.

An accomplished editor in the labor relations field, she received a bachelor's degree with honors in journalism and communications from the University of Illinois in 1940. Ms. Dennis was a reporter for daily and weekly newspapers from 1939-1952. As a widow raising two young children, she returned to the University of Illinois to receive a master's degree in communications in 1958.

Ms. Dennis began working in industrial relations in the 1950s, a time when she was able to mature with a developing field, leading her to be quite knowledgeable in the area. She edited and supervised publication of more than 30 books and monographs in the labor and industrial relations field. She served as editor for the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations for the University of Illinois from 1952-1967. Barbara moved to Madison, Wisconsin, to become the managing editor of the Industrial Relations Research Institute for the University of Wisconsin from 1967-1976. She was also the managing editor of the *Journal of Human Resources* from 1967-1985. In addition, Barbara was co-editor for the Proceedings of the National Academy of Arbitrators from 1969-1985

Barbara's professional memberships included Women in Communications, the Industrial Relations Research Association, and the Madison Press Club. She also volunteered with the Tamarack Trails Association, Madison Civics Club, and the Sequoia Branch of the Madison Public Library. Barbara is survived by her daughter, Jane A. Dennis of Madison; her son, William W. Dennis, Jr. of Madison; three grandchildren, William W. Dennis III of Madison, Melissa Dennis Dawdy of Alameda, California, James Tyler Dennis of Houston, Texas; and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, Barbara asked that you Love Thy Neighbor and support the International Crane Foundation, E-11376 Shady Lane Road, P. O. Box 447, Baraboo, WI 53913.