

Betty C. Hays*, FCSI

"In recognition of your notable contribution to education as evidenced by your many years as instructor for numerous education seminars, study classes, and continuing education programs, and for your meritorious services to the Institute, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 27th day of June, 1992"
Atlanta, Georgia



BETTY C. HAYS was born in Hot Springs, Arkansas. As the daughter of a career soldier who survived German POW camps during World War II, she learned to approach life with precise logic, and she developed a keen appreciation for the value of service.

She graduated from South Dade High School in Homestead, Florida, in 1959. She honed her research skills while employed as a research assistant for eight years at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute and began her specifications writing career under the tutelage of Alice Shelly, FCSI, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Hays attended numerous continuing education courses related to architecture, engineering, construction and specifications writing. In 1978 she returned to Little Rock, Arkansas, to head the Specifications Department at Blass Riddick Chilcote Architects-Engineers.

Hays joined the Honolulu Chapter in 1971. In 1979, she became a member of the Little Rock Chapter and passed the Certified Construction Specifier Examination. She maintained her certification continuously since that year. In 1984 she became president of Specifications Consultants, Incorporated, in Little Rock.

For more than a decade, Hays served as instructor for the Little Rock Chapter's CCS and CDT study classes. She was instrumental in showing members the value of studying for and achieving certification. Due to her efforts, the Little Rock Chapter consistently maintained a high passing rate on both exams.

Her work as an Institute Director included notable achievements with long range impact. She improved communications within the region and between the region and the Institute. She encouraged and facilitated the establishment of student affiliates and new chapters. Her guidance also led chapters to implement CSI's Long Range Planning Process, with the Little Rock Chapter serving as a role model.

Along with her dedication to education, Hays was noted among her colleagues for her professional ability as a specifier. In 1994, she received an Award of Merit from the Arkansas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. This award recognized her continuing commitment to quality construction documents and years of service as a vital resource for the architectural community.

Betty passed away on 15 June 2016, in Little Rock, Arkansas.

CSI Membership

Honolulu Chapter, 1971-1978
Little Rock Chapter, 1989

Institute Offices, Committees

Institute Director, 1991-1993

Chapter Offices

President, Little Rock Chapter, 1991-1993

Awards

Institute
Certificate of Merit/Appreciation, 1982, 1993
Publication Commendation, 1987
Education Commendation, 1991

President's Commendation, 2004

Gulf States Region

Robert V. Bishop Award, 2002

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President's Plaque, 2004

Little Rock Chapter

President's Award, 1997

Certificate of Appreciation, 1998

Top 10% Award, 1998, 1999

Leo J. Hiegel Award, 2001

Leadership Award, 2003

Leading the Way, 2004, 2005