

Ernestine Coskrey Player

1933-2012

Winthrop University 1955 BS in Public Music

Ernestine Coskrey Player was a 1955 graduate of Winthrop University (BS in Public Music). Following a first job as music teacher, choir director, and organist at Epworth Children's Home, Miss Player was encouraged to seek a M.S. in Social Work, which she received from the School of Social Work at the Richmond Professional Institute of Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA, in 1958.

Miss Player was a force in South Carolina social work for over 50 years. Among her civic accomplishments:

- Instrumental in establishing a Graduate School of Social Work at the University of South Carolina;
- Honored and named by the University of South Carolina as a Pioneer in Social Work in South Carolina;
- Presented with a lifetime achievement award from the National Association of Social Work; and
- Recognized by her beloved Winthrop University with the Outstanding Alumni Professional Achievement Award.

Miss Player served as a speaker at the National Association of Social Workers and served as a consultant to other states in the field of social work. She retired as the State Director of Public Health Social Work.

(adjusted from Player's obituary - <http://www.tributes.com/show/Ernestine-Coskrey-Player-93514328>)