

*In Memoriam***Margie May Nicholson**  
(1925-2014)**MARGIE MAY NICHOLSON**

**M**ARGIE MAY NICHOLSON passed away September 23, 2014. An ECS member for 60 years, Dr. Nicholson became an active member in 1954. She was an emeritus member and was associated with both the Battery and the Physical and Electroanalytical Divisions. It is interesting to note that the two active ECS members who underwrote her ECS membership application were Norman Hackerman and Paul Delahay.

Dr. Nicholson was born in San Antonio, Texas, June 10, 1925. As an aspiring student chemist she joined ACS in 1947. She received her PhD in physical chemistry from University of Texas, Austin, in June 1950. She was a research fellow in the Biochemical Institute (U. Texas) on an Eli Lilly and Company scholarship and in March 1951 accepted a position in the Naval Ordnance Research Laboratory (White Oak) Silver Spring, MD.

In 1952 she became a research chemist at Humble Oil & Refining Company (later Exxon) in Baytown, Texas. In her position, she engaged in research on polarography and other aspects of electrochemistry. In 1955 she published a solo paper on electrochemical instrumentation, "Effect of Cell Circuit Resistance in Polarography with Stationary and Dropping Electrodes," (*Anal. Chem.* 27 (1955) 1364-5.)

Before 1972 she moved to California and became affiliated with Atomics International, a division of Rockwell Corporation (later Rockwell International) where she became involved in studying photoelectrochemical concepts but also (in 1972!) on lithium-magnesium electrodes in propylene carbonate. She was an author or co-author of twelve articles in the *Journal of The Electrochemical Society*. She holds several U.S. patents, one on acousto-optic transducer device. Margie was married to Dan Nicholson, also a chemist. They had no children, Margie had no siblings. ■

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## New & Notab!e

**ASHOK VIJH** (ECS member 1968, Emeritus) has been awarded the D. S. Kothari Indian National Science Academy Distinguished Visiting Professorship. On leave of absence from Hydro Quebec, Dr. Vijh will spend several weeks in India as the Chair holder in January-February 2015.

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**KONRAD E. HEUSLER** (b. 1931) member since 1982, Battery Division

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