

## **Memorial fund established, service planned for Dr. Gail Walker**

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A memorial service for Dr. Gail Walker, professor of psychology, who died June 7, 2005, will be held at 4 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Union University Church in Alfred. "When Dr. Gail Walker was first diagnosed with cancer, she met with me to discuss arrangements for a Memorial Service saying that, though she hoped such plans would not be needed for some time, she wanted to begin thinking about the most appropriate way to honor the gift of a life when it comes to its conclusion," said the Rev. Laurie DeMott, AU's interfaith advisor and pastor of the Union University Church. " She wanted a service that would reflect all of the parts of her life that brought her joy -- her family, her friends, her colleagues, her church, and her students -- and that would be as much a celebration of life as an acknowledgement of our grief.," said DeMott. The service will include readings, hymns, and prayers chosen by Dr. Walker and reflections on her life by members of the Alfred community. Further details for the service will be decided upon resumption of classes in August. By having the service on a Friday afternoon, DeMott said, "We hope that will allow alumni to return for the Memorial Service." She's encouraging those who live in the area to open their homes to alumni who wish to return for the service. Anyone with questions or comments about the planned service is asked to e-mail the Rev. Laurie DeMott or to call her at 607.587.8738. In response to several inquiries about how to make a contribution in memory of Dr. Gail Walker, Alfred University has established a memorial fund in her name. Those wishing to contribute to the fund should make their checks payable to Alfred University, and send them to Alfred University, University Relations, 1 Saxon Drive, Alfred, NY 14802. In the memo line on the check, please make sure you indicate that the money is to be used for Dr. Walker's memorial. We will consult with the family to determine how the funds are to be used. Should you have questions about the Gail Walker Memorial Fund, please contact University Relations at 607.871.2144 or e-mail the Alumni and Community Relations office.