

## COLONEL BEATTY AWARDED WEAVER MEDAL OF HONOR

Colonel Maxine Beatty, PH'47, was awarded Drake's 2002 Weaver Medal of Honor. The award was given to Col. Beatty at her home in Florida as she was unable to attend the award ceremony on Drake's campus.



Col. Maxine Beatty

As an Air Force veteran, Col. Beatty led a long and distinguished career in pharmacy. An Iowa native, Col. Beatty retired in 1978 as chair of the Wilford Hall United States Air Force Medical Center Department of Pharmacy. She spent 27 years in the military practicing pharmacy, educating future pharmacists and reorganizing military pharmacies to make them more current.

Col. Beatty was the first woman to receive a direct commission as a pharmacist in the United States Air Force; the first woman to be selected as associate chief in the Biomedical Sciences Corps for Pharmacy; the first female pharmacist to attain the rank of Colonel; the first pharmacist to be assigned to the Air Force Medical Inspection Team where she inspected Air Force medical facilities throughout the world; and now, she is the first female graduate of the Drake College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences to receive the Weaver Medal of Honor.

Prior to her appointment as chair of the Pharmacy Department at Wilford Hall, Col. Beatty served as associate chief and consultant in pharmacy to the U.S. Surgeon General.

The Weaver Medal of Honor is named after Lawrence C. and Delores M. Weaver. The medal recognizes an outstanding individual who has advanced the College's

education, research, or outreach mission for the benefit of human health; has created or helped promote a program of excellence in the College; has made a substantial impact on the profession of pharmacy; or has provided outstanding financial support to the College.

Dr. Weaver, PH'49, Hon. Doctorate of Sciences '92, is a leader in pharmacy and science education and dedicated Drake alumnus. He is dean emeritus of the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy and a past vice president for professional relations with the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association.