



**Lapeer, MI Author & Professor Publishes Memoir**

**In This Memoir a Woman Recounts Her Many Years in Academia as a Student and Then as a Professor**

*Gina Maria Katarina Elizabetta*, a new book by Dr. Jean Glidden Cheger, has been released by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc.

Dr. Jean Glidden Cheger was born in Gladwin, Michigan, on 6 October, 1929. She attended Wayne State University and was awarded a BS in 1963 followed by an MEd in 1964 and an EdD in 1967. She attended incidental graduate classes at San Diego State College, the University of Louisville, and University of Michigan. Upon completion of the BS degree, her first teaching position was in elementary education between 1963 and 1965. Beginning in 1965 until 1968, she held the position of Assistant Professor of Sociology at Kentucky Southern College. (That institution was eventually joined to the University of Louisville.) From 1965 to 1968, she also lectured at the University of Louisville. From 1968 until her retirement, she served as Full Professor of Sociology at Delta College in Michigan.

In the early years of her career, Dr. Cheger was greatly influenced by Professor Earl Kelley of Wayne State University and A. S. Neill of Summerhill fame; Summerhill existed as an English experimental school. Dr. Cheger was a member of the American Sociological Association, the American Association of University Professors, and served as President of the Michigan Sociological Association in 1977-78. After receiving a Speech Activity Award from Wayne State University as an undergrad student, she continued throughout her professional career to actively participate in a variety of Theatrical projects. Her “Swan Song” for on-stage acting was in 2009

At Delta College, she earned a coveted Bergstein Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1971, the minimum time for new faculty members; ten years later she was presented a second Bergstein as the first faculty member to be so honored by faculty and students in the history of the college.

Community service has always been of paramount importance in her professional career. She has served on a variety of boards, including the Saginaw Pit and Balcony Community Theater Board, the Saginaw Symphony Board, and as President of the Saginaw YWCA. She edited a book, *Sex Regulation in Society – Problems and Issues*, and another on human sexual behavior. She traveled to several European areas, including Russia and Poland. While in England, she visited Summerhill School, an Aging Conference in Madrid, and the Mormon College while in Hawaii. She had the opportunity to visit the grave of her 27th great-grandmother – Eleanor of Aquitaine in France.

She married Michael Cheger in 1948, and there are three children from the marriage; each of whom happens to be Solid “Go Blue.” Their oldest, Cheryl, is a retired Saginaw Township High School



Music Teacher. Their son, David, is a businessman in the South, and their youngest, Laura, currently serves as a Judge in Lapeer County, Michigan.

In addition to teaching and theater, Dr. Cheger has continued to have an ongoing interest in the women's movement, family life education and research, international peace activities, and genealogy. She is a life member of the National Society of Americans of Royal Descent, the Order of the Three Crusades, and the Order of the Crown Charlemagne Society.

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