

## COLORADO NURSES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME



### Dorothy DeNiro, RN, MSN, PhD

- Dorothy DeNiro's education began with a diploma at St. Mary Corwin School of Nursing, Pueblo
- She achieved an MSN and PhD at the University of Texas where she studied under Hildegard Peplau; she used Peplau's writings as a basis for teaching counseling skills to nurse
- Her career has been dedicated to nurses, nursing education and patients in Pueblo and in southeast Colorado
- During a 21-year tenure at the Colorado Mental Health Institute, she developed many innovative health issues; the hospital was named the best state hospital in the U.S. by the Public Citizen Health Research Group and the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
- DeNiro feels her most important contribution to nursing has been bringing individual together in unique ways to further nursing's professional goals