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**Delaware Judiciary expresses condolences on the passing
of longtime courthouse librarian Alda Monsen**

The Delaware Judiciary was saddened to learn of the passing of Alda Jean Monsen, the retired long-tenured Law Librarian at the courthouse in New Castle County, and offers their condolences to her family and friends and many co-workers in the Judiciary. Monsen passed away on June 10, 2018 after a five-year battle with cancer.

New Castle County Superior Court Resident Judge Richard R. Cooch said Monsen's death was a loss to the Superior Court and Court of Chancery families. "Those who worked with her over the many years (thirty!) knew her lovely, patient, helpful and knowledgeable character traits. She has been missed since her retirement a year ago, and will always be missed," he said.

Monsen started work for the Judiciary in 1982 as a part-time employee in the law library when the court was located in what was then known as the Public Building (a building that a decade later was renamed the Daniel L. Herrmann Courthouse). In 1984 she was hired full-time as the law librarian, a position that she jokingly said she secured because of her long arms, which allowed her to reach the top level of the old, tall bookshelves in the Herrmann Courthouse library.

She remained with the courts through the relocation in 2002 from Rodney Square to the New Castle County Courthouse (later renamed the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center) at 500 North King Street until her retirement in May 2017.

On her retirement, Monsen said what she was going to miss most of all was the people – the many friends and acquaintances she had made throughout her years in the courthouse. What Monsen said she was not going to miss was the long drive into work.

During those years at the library, Monsen was often the most important resource for all who visited, not only due to her voluminous knowledge of the many reference materials in the stacks, but also for her reflections on the people and personalities in the court system and her behind-the-scenes stories of the courthouse and its ways.

Monsen was preceded in death by her husband of 32 years, Ferdinand M. Monsen and is survived by her four children and their spouses, eight grandchildren, a sister, sisters-in-law and a host of nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the A.I. duPont Hospital for Children, 1600 Rockland Road, Wilmington, DE 19803 (www.nemours.org).