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**MARILYN F. SCHULTZ  
ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW, 2013**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Marilyn Frances Schultz was born in 1944 in Alexandria, Louisiana, to Frank W. Schultz (1903–1991) and Catherine Smith Schultz (1907–1985). After graduating from Bolton High School (Alexandria, Louisiana) in 1961, she attended the University of Texas at Austin, where she majored in French and Spanish literature and received both her bachelor's (1964) and master's (1968) degrees. She taught French first at the Houston Independent School District before studying at the Universities of Madrid, Spain, and Grenoble, France, in 1965 and 1966. She taught French and Spanish at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, from 1968 to 1970, and then moved to Bloomington, Indiana, to continue graduate studies for a doctorate in French and Spanish literature at Indiana University (IU). While there, she became involved in local and state politics, which in turn led her to run successfully for the Indiana General Assembly in 1972, where she served as the state representative for Monroe and Owen Counties for fourteen years. Early in that service, she became the first woman in those years to serve on the Ways and Means Committee as well as the first woman legislator to serve on the important budget conference committee.

In 1973, Ms. Schultz opened and co-owned Goods, Inc, a retail gourmet cookware store in Bloomington for approximately sixteen years. After leaving the legislature, she worked as director of administration for the IU School of Medicine in 1986, executive director for the Indiana Mental Health Association from 1987 to 1991, and associate vice president for budget and governmental relations at Indiana State University (ISU) from 1991 to 1993. In 1993, she was promoted to vice president for planning and budgets and as such was the first woman vice president at ISU. She left the university in 2001 to become the Indiana State Director of Disabilities, Aging, and Rehabilitation, where she served for almost nine months before being asked by Governor Frank O'Bannon to become the Indiana State Budget Director. She served in that capacity under both Governor O'Bannon and Governor Joseph E. Kernan.

She married Alfred I. Towell in 1972 and divorced in 1985. She married Richard P. Good (1932–2008) in 1986. Currently, Ms. Schultz resides in Indianapolis. Readers of this oral history interview should bear in mind that it is a transcript of the spoken word.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The following interview is one of a collection of oral history interviews devoted to collecting life stories of prominent Indiana women involved in business, education, law, philanthropy, politics, and religion. All of the women interviewed for this project were selected from within the membership of The Gathering, an informal networking group of approximately 175 Indiana women leaders that began around 1990. The Indianapolis Women's Oral History Project (initially known as The Gathering Oral History Project) was organized in 2013 by the members of The Gathering and conducted with the assistance and supervision of the Indiana Historical Society (IHS).

This manuscript was transcribed from a digitally recorded interview conducted on August 21, 2013, at the home of Ms. Schultz in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Susan Williams, a member of The Gathering. Data Logistics Control, INC, located in Indianapolis, Indiana, transcribed the interview in 2015, and Wendy L. Adams, director of oral history at IHS, lightly edited the transcript in 2019. The interview, which includes the audio recording, the transcript, and a photograph of Ms. Schultz, is housed at the William H. Smith Memorial Library, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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