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She was baptized and confirmed in the Christian faith at St John's United Church of Christ, Ackley, and remained a member of St John's throughout her life. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Iowa and received her Master's degree in education from Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado. While at the University of Iowa, she was a member of the concert band and a member of the first University of Iowa marching band to admit women. She was also a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Georgia began her teaching career at Vinton High School, Vinton, Iowa, where she taught 11th and 12th grade American and English literature and college prep writing. She was regarded by her superintendent as a "superior teacher who, after seven years, has developed a high degree of scholarship among her pupils." After Vinton, she worked as acting dean of women at Colorado College. She assumed the position of dean of freshman women at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. There in addition to her duties as dean, she acted as advisor to the Associated Women Students Association and to the National Honor Society, Mortar Board. Dean Louise Trovett wrote of Georgia: "Students and faculty liked and respected her. I think with pleasure of the years she was with me at the university." Associate Dean Helen Kayser wrote, "She served the university ably. She had keen understanding of human problems and the ability to help solve them with warm understanding."

After going to Grinnell College as administrator in 1960, Georgia produced the college's Performing Arts and Public Events programs for 41 years presenting over 1,000 concerts to the college community. The superior quality of the programming produced by Georgia and her student committees at Grinnell College has been documented by artists and arts publications over the past 40 years. Students honored her by electing her an honorary member of the Grinnell College Class of 1977. She was past president of the Iowa Association of Women's Deans and Counselors.

As important as her academic work was, it was her spiritual side that Georgia held most dear. As a published poet, she often wrote spiritual themes and her poems appeared with regularity in poetry anthologies, often on the opening pages.

Georgia is survived by her sister-in-law Verlyn Dentel of Des Moines; a nephew, Robert J. Dentel (Patricia) of Victor; two nieces Mary Howell (Stephen) of Ames and Kathy Anderson (Henry) of West Des Moines; and Rebecca Dentel, wife of Tom Dentel. Also surviving are nine nieces and nephews: Abbey Deppe, Jonathan and Katie Dentel, James, John and Sarah Howell, and Molly, Sophie and Libby Anderson.

She is preceded in death by her parents Carl and Emma Dentel of Ackley; brother Robert of Des Moines; and by her beloved nephew Tom Dentel, formerly of Colfax, Iowa. Georgia's grandparents were George and Jennie Dentel of Ackley and Anton and Christina Johnson of Canby, Minn., originally from Norway. She is preceded in death by friends Magdelyn Bickford, Waukeegan, Ill., and Harvey Worthington Jr. of Madison, Wisc.

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