Frances Diebold

Frances Diebold, who died in Kalamazoo December 10, was born in Madison, Wisconsin, on July 14, 1900, the daughter of Frank and Elizabeth Diebold. She spent her early years in Madison, received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin, and in 1923 came to Kalamazoo College where she was a distinguished teacher of biology for 44 years. After her retirement in 1967, she continued to be active in the life of the College. Her accomplishments have been recognized in various ways: the American Baptist Convention honored her as an outstanding teacher; Ripon College awarded her an honorary doctorate; the Kalamazoo Quota Club named her "Woman of the Year" (1958); and Kalamazoo College elected her to honorary membership in Phi Beta Kappa, established both the Frances Diebold Scholars' Program and the Diebold Award for contribution to campus life, and has designated a wing of the planned new science building as the Frances Diebold Biology Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Marshall, and is survived by nephews John, Jay, and James Diebold of Minnesota and niece Janet Diebold Scott of Wyoming; by seven great nephews, three great nieces, three great great nephews, and three great great nieces. Burial was at Forest Hills Cemetery in Madison, Wisconsin. A memorial service will be held at Stetson Chapel, Kalamazoo College, at 10:00 am on Friday, January 5. Memorial gifts may be sent to the Diebold Science Fund at Kalamazoo College.