

I first met Shirley while attending a convention for TAHU (long story). Shirley was one of the main contributors in helping TAHU and NAHU gain success over the years that followed. Shirley combined her extraordinary vision and diverse talents of many to achieve excellence. Few can match her legacy of contribution to the benefits profession in terms of innovation and sustained executive leadership. Shirley was the consummate professional and person; supportive, creative, with personal integrity and uncompromising commitment to excellence in her work, friendships and personal life. She has given of herself throughout her adult life for the betterment of those around TAHU and NAHU, with a legacy of achievement and lasting friendships that will last a lifetime. She was rock solid through and through.” Shirley was the main reason so many of our members were and continue to be active today and contribute giving back to the industry while also being leaders both inside and outside of TAHU/NAHU.

Shirley’s commitment to NAHU/TAHU has been extraordinary. She led NAHU/TAHU toward more structured and accountable legislative oversight of our association. Most importantly, she had an extraordinary ability to help attract new talent to TAHU, while leveraging the leadership of different board members with a call to action that set the course for TAHU over many subsequent years.

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Harold R. Gordon was someone we would all like to emulate. Shirley remained a driving force in leadership, going above and beyond in the standard to which she held herself and others accountable in every aspect of life. She brought the best out in everyone she touched, I was proud to say she was my friend.

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