



**Marion Downs
(1914 – 2014)**

Marion P. Downs



- **Born in New Ulm, MN - 1914**
- **B.A., Univ Denver, 1949 – Poly Sci/English**
- **M.A., Audiology, Univ Denver – 1951**
- **Univ Colo Med Center – >25 years**
- **Retired in 1982 – Professor Emerita**
- **Published > 100 articles; 4 books**



“I concentrated on audiology, which I really loved. I liked the instrumentation and the challenge of every patient.”

“If they hadn’t paid me for doing audiology, I would have done it for free.”

“Everything came together at the right time and in the right place and finally, 97% of all newborn babies in this country are now being tested. So, all I can say is, ‘Hallelujah!’”





“We have measured, described, researched, cataloged, analyzed, and synthesized the entity of childhood hearing loss exhaustively. Now, having defined it, we must busy ourselves with preventing its devastating effects on children.”

The Many Spin-Offs from Newborn Hearing Screening

- **Language Delay & Conductive Hearing Loss**
- **Unilateral & Mild Hearing Loss**
- **Pediatric Cochlear Implants**
- **Pediatric Hearing Aids**
- **Early Intervention**
- **Auditory Neuropathy**
- **Hearing Loss and Birth Defects**



Honors and Awards

- **2 Honorary Doctorates**
- **2 Gold Medals of Excellence**
- **Colorado Woman's Hall of Fame**
- **Amer Academy of Audiology**
- **Amer Speech-Lang-Hear Association**
- **Amer Acad of Otolaryngology – H & N Surgery**
- **Amer Auditory Society (Founder)**
- **Colorado Academy of Audiology**
- **International Society of Audiology (Founder)**
- **Girl Scouts of America**

U.S. Dept of Health & Human Service Highest Recognition - 2006

“Honoring Marion P. Downs for her groundbreaking work and lifetime dedication to promoting the early identification and treatment of children with hearing loss.”





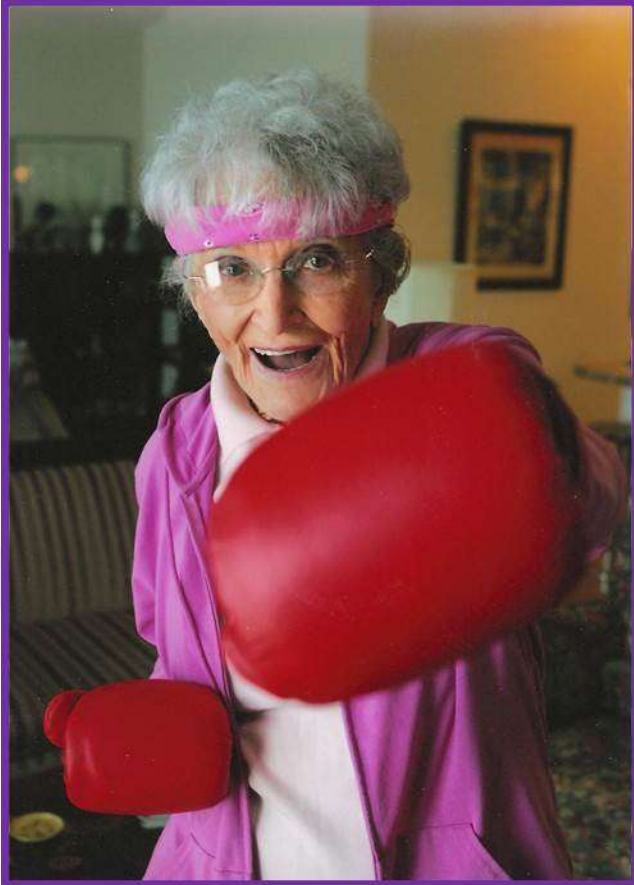




***“My 90th birthday present to myself –
loved flying with this handsome hunk!”***



“I have always felt that there was something wonderful about to happen, just around the corner, and it always did.”



“Get a life! Not only that – get a life that’s dashing, exuberant, a little crazy, but one that becomes a model for all.”

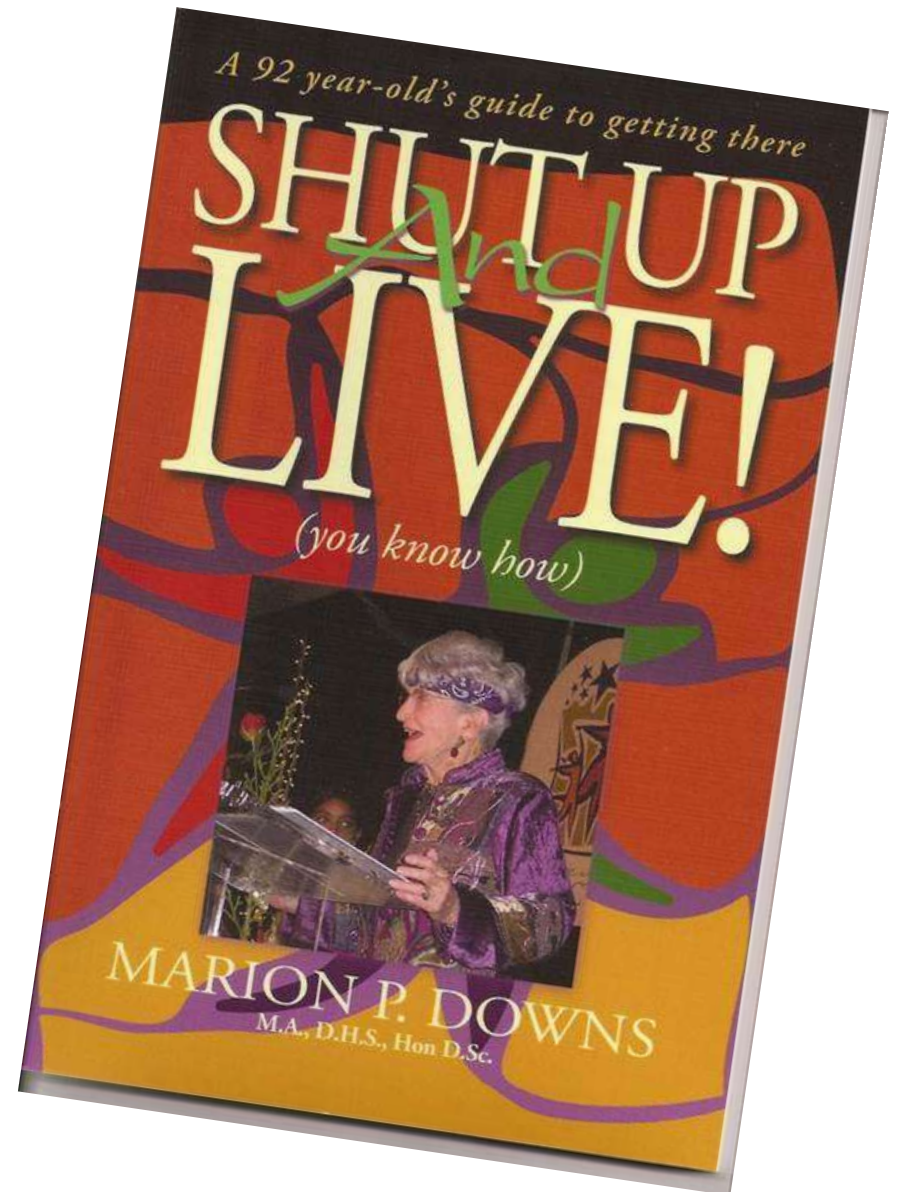
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Sage advise to seniors

***“...laugh,
exercise, love and
enjoy sex, rebel
against your
aches and pains
and live out your
passions.”***



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