With affection and joy, we name Jane Strimer Honorary Alumna of Ohio Wesleyan University.

This act makes “official” a close relationship between Jane and Ohio Wesleyan which began when she entered the University family in 1941 as “better half” of at-that-time instructor in physical education and freshman coach of football, basketball, and track Bob Strimer.

There have followed fifty years of Jane’s involvement at all levels in Ohio Wesleyan life, to the benefit of generations of students, faculty, administration, and townsfolk. She has been a consistent and perceptive partner to Bob in support of this institution – nurturing, sheltering, cheering athletic teams and other undergrads, accompanying players’ wives to games during the post-WWII married student era, feeding team members in her home to spare Bob’s aching budget, being appreciative audience for on campus program of music, theatre, and dance, doing her share for the University Women’s Club - - - and on and on.

Jane and Bob, married in 1938, moved to Delaware from Parkersburg, West Virginia. Their four children, including Judy ’62, joined their parents as lively players in the red and black scene.

In 1954, the Strimers’ Ohio Wesleyan life took on a new dimension as they became part of a group of 16 families building homes on University property. The area became Westgate Drive, a totally O.W.U. community which fostered a special brand of all-family commitment to the institution.

When Bob retired from the athletic department in 1979, he came a part-time planned-giving officer for the Development Office. In a true Bob and Jane team effort, the two now make annual “housecalls” on alumni in Florida and the northeastern states. Their “visitations” are eagerly anticipated by many, as they carry the word to our far-flung constituents.

Jane Strimer – we salute you. We love you. And we welcome you to the inner circle of the Ohio Wesleyan family, where you join Bob in honorary alumni status.

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