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Shirley Spork returned to Ypsilanti, Mich. to be honored by the Michigan Women's Golf Association at the Legacy Celebration

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Spork was one of just three honorees for her lifetime contributions to women's golf.

A 1949 graduate of then Michigan State Normal College, Spork won the Women's District Match Play Championship three times in her four year career and was the winner of the first-ever National Collegiate Championship held for women's athletics in 1947.

After graduating from MSNC, she went on to become a founding member of the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) and the LPGA National Golf School. Spork turned professional in 1950, becoming a part-time Tour player in the 50s, 60s and 70s and participating in U.S. Opens, LPGA Championships and the Tam O' Shanter All-American Open.

For her outstanding career as a student-athlete and her dedication to the Eastern Michigan golf program, Spork was inducted to the EMU Hall of Fame in 1981.
The Eastern Michigan University women's golf team presented Spork with her "E" varsity letter this past week and honored her for all of her time and dedication to the program.

"Shirley told me it stands for "Effort!" After spending the past several days with Shirley I know what Shirley stands for "Success!" commented Head Women's Golf Coach Sandy Wagner. "She is a passionate person who never let anyone or anything stand in her way and we are so proud of all she has brought to women's golf and to our golf program at EMU."