

In Memoriam
DR. LOWELL E. MADDEN
August 24, 1936 – December 30, 2016

DR. LOWELL E. MADDEN, born August 24th, 1936 was called to eternal life with his Triune God on Friday, Dec. 30, 2016. He was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church and longtime resident of our city. He was a graduate of South Side High School from which he received the Distinguished Alumni Award. He earned a B.A. and M.S. degree from Indiana University, Bloomington and a doctoral degree from Ball State University.

His professional career included teaching in local elementary and secondary schools, serving as a school counselor and administrator, and teaching at IPFW as a professor of education. He taught for us from 1971-2000, coordinating educational programs and positively impacting our students. He was the recipient of several teaching awards from both IPFW and IUB, as well as from community and professional organizations, and authored numerous professional manuscripts and books. He was the former president of both the Fort Wayne Area Council of the International Reading Association and Phi Delta Kappa, Chapter 1035. He loved to read, play golf, present children's magic shows, exercise, and spend time with his daughter and friends. He is survived by his beloved daughter, Beth Moore; wonderful friends and relatives, and cherished former students.

Colleagues in College of Education and Public Policy share that Lowell's gentle sense of humor and quiet approach to big issues made him a steadying influence in the School of Education. He was known for sharing wonderful quotes such as, "To whom much is given, much is required." and "Inch by inch, life's a cinch. Yard by yard, life's hard." He never did give in to technology or email, and had students submit their final papers with an envelope addressed back to them so papers could be returned at the end of the semester. He always had a smile on his face and served IPFW and our College of Education right up until near his passing.

He always participated in our Follett's Book Store Dr. Suess Day, entertained alumni at an Educational Studies event just this past fall, and he was [Dr. Nowak's] F200 students' favorite guest speaker this past October where he performed magic tricks and shared, "If you are called to be a teacher, it's the best job in the world."

He always shared with sincerity that he loved being a teacher because he never had to go to work a day in his life. He instead went to collaborate with his peers and students. A passionate educator and student favorite, the passing of Dr. Lowell Madden is a true loss to our community, but his legacy lives on in the many IPFW faculty, students, and alumni he touched and positively impacted.