

In Memoriam  
Joseph Maurice Chandler  
August 25, 1931 – February 18, 2018

Our friend and former colleague, Joseph Chandler died in February 2018 at the age of 86.

Given his sense of humor, Joe would probably appreciate the image of a boomerang to explain that he started in Fort Wayne, left, and returned. A graduate of South Side High School, Joe enlisted in the United States Air Force and served in the Korean War. After his military service, he attended Ball State University, earning his bachelor's degree from the Teachers College in 1956 and his master's degree in 1962. He began his career as an educator teaching industrial arts and coaching JV basketball in New Castle, Indiana. In 1963, he came back to Fort Wayne as assistant industrial relations manager for International Harvester. However, his calling was teaching, so he joined the faculty at Indiana University's Division of General and Technical Studies, known as DGTS, in 1967 to teach supervision to college students. Eventually the DGTS faculty moved to IPFW's present location where Joe taught labor relations, interviewing, and human relations for the Department of Organizational Leadership and Supervision until his retirement in 1994.

Joe was passionate about teaching and helping students. His advisees and students in his classes appreciated his humor, his stories, and his ability to connect course content to their lives. Teaching and advising were fun to Joe and his enthusiasm was contagious. His effectiveness in the classroom was recognized in 1971 with the IPFW Distinguished Educator of the Year award and again in 1980 when he received the Friends of the University Outstanding Teacher Award. His excellence in advising was acknowledged with the Community Advisory Council Service to Students Award at the Honors Convocation in 1993.

Joe felt a particular affinity for our part-time students, who often were juggling full-time work, family responsibilities, and additional obligations outside the classroom. He and his wife put their concern for these students into action in 2017 when they established the Joseph and Marlene Chandler Scholarship Fund designated for an organizational leadership student who is attending school part-time while working. The department awarded the first scholarship last spring, and Joe and Marty were able to see their dream become reality when they met the recipient.

In addition to being an excellent teacher and advisor, Joe was a wonderful colleague. He was always ready with a joke, a smile, and engaging conversation. He also was generous with his time, offering valuable advice to department colleagues, and always providing a positive perspective.

After retirement Joe and Marty spent time traveling in their RV and enjoying time with family and friends. Even then, Joe would often stop by the office to say hello and catch up on departmental news. Over the years, he remained close to many of the DGTS faculty attending yearly reunions and the annual golf outing at Houston Woods in southwestern Ohio. He

delighted in his family, and he particularly enjoyed relating the exploits of his seven grandchildren. They survive him along with his wife, Marlene; and his three children, Tracy (spouse Kristen), Darci, and Scott (spouse Marien). We are grateful for the time our lives intersected with his.