

In Memoriam

Gene D. Phillips

August 20, 1923 – June 4, 2015

Gene D. Phillips was Professor Emeritus of Education at IPFW. Gene was born in Dana, Indiana. He graduated from Dana High School in 1941 and served in the Navy. Gene earned a bachelor's degree at Butler University in 1947 and a masters in 1948. He married Sarah Coultas on December 21, 1949. In 1952, Gene received his doctorate from Indiana University.

Gene taught at Arizona State University. He also taught at Boston University during the late 1960s, where his departmental colleagues included Theodore Brameld and Howard Zinn. Gene taught at a boys' school in England before joining the then Department of Education at IPFW in 1973. He taught social foundations of education courses. My most vivid memory of Gene is the way he enlivened otherwise mundane faculty meetings by challenging us to rationalize or defend our philosophical positions on educational issues.

Dr. Phillips and his wife Sarah contributed to IPFW and to the community in various ways, including their love for music and funding a chair at Rhinehart Auditorium.

Dr. Gene Phillips retired from IPFW in 1991. Gene passed away on June 4, 2015 in Clinton, Indiana at the age of 91. His parents and ten siblings preceded him in death. Gene was survived by Sarah, his wife of 67 years, and by many nieces and nephews.