

In Memoriam

Wade A. Fredrick

April 21, 1933 – September 5, 2015

Wade A. Fredrick was Executive Director Emeritus of Continuing Studies at IPFW. A gifted athlete and outstanding student he graduated from Churubusco High School in 1950. He attended Wabash College on a four year academic-athletic scholarship. Majoring in Latin and the Humanities, he played varsity baseball and basketball before graduating with honors in 1954. From 1955 to 1957 he served in the military in Japan and Korea. Returning from Korea in January of 1957 he taught English and coached basketball at North Side High School, while earning his Master's degree from Ball State University in 1958. In May of 1963, while teaching, he became a representative of the Columbus Life Insurance Company and completed the Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation.

In 1966 he accepted a position in administration from Indiana University with the newly created Division of General and Technical Studies (known as DGTS). When DGTS merged with the campus in 1982, he worked in development at IPFW until 1983 when he became the Executive Director of what would become, the Division of Continuing Studies. Under Wade's leadership, enrollment in continuing education grew to 13,000 (225% increase from '82), and courses were taught in the TV studio, while others followed with video, PBS, and Comcast Cable 56-aired programming. Training programs for GM and Indiana Michigan employees were developed. Wade will always be remembered for a quick joke, a caring attitude for his employees, and his professional dedication to IPFW. Wade Fredrick retired from IPFW in 1997 as Executive Director Emeritus of Continuing Studies.

During his retirement, he and his wife of 22 years, Shirley, traveled and he played a lot of golf. His parents and younger brother preceded him in death. He is survived by his loving wife, children, Mark (Peggy) Fredrick and Valerie Null (an IPFW employee); stepchildren, Frank Leto, John (Christine) Leto, and Mary (Sergio) Pareja; 11 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews and dear friends.