

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

**Roy W. Richards, Jr.**

1922-1994

Associate Professor Emeritus Roy W. Richards, Jr., died last July leaving behind a legacy of distinguished service to IPFW and its students.

Roy was born in Indianapolis in June 1922, and completed his primary education in the Indianapolis school system. He earned the B.S. and M.B.A. degrees from Indiana University and in 1958 was licensed in Indiana as a Certified Public Accountant. After several years of teaching he returned to Indiana University and in 1967 completed his D.B.A.

Roy taught at Indiana University, St. Louis University, and Southern Illinois University. But it was at IPFW that he made his most significant contributions as an educator. He joined the IPFW faculty in 1968, only a few years after the merger of the Indiana and Purdue programs in Fort Wayne. At that time the accounting program with a faculty of three was in its infancy having just produced its first graduates.

In those early days Roy taught many of the accounting courses and thus had the opportunity to give shape and structure to the accounting curriculum. His early and continued influence is still reflected in the program today. For example, the core of some courses continues to follow the basic presentation pattern that Roy designed. Accounting faculty and students still use the collection of professional standards that Roy started and left behind at his retirement.

Perhaps the most pervasive evidence of Roy's influence can be found in the memory of hundreds of accounting professionals who were enrolled in one or more of his classes. Almost without exception they recall his adherence to high professional standards of practice, his dedication to classical life-long learning, and his dry wit. It is the latter which, when his students gather, provokes the greatest number and the most fondly remembered reminiscences of his style of teaching.

Roy is survived by his wife, Daphne; his son, Ovid; and his daughter, Daphne. His colleagues at IPFW share with them our collective loss of a good friend.