

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
George V. Fliotsos
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On November 12, 1998 the Department of Psychological Sciences lost a dear friend and colleague, and IPFW lost a true pioneer: George Fliotsos, Professor Emeritus, lost his long battle with cancer. He died at his home in Ormond Beach, Florida.

The son of Vassilios and Anna Papazahariou Fliotsos, George was born in Youngstown, Ohio in 1931. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce in 1953 and a Master of Science degree in Psychology in 1958 from Ohio University. He was a clinical psychology trainee at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Marion, Indiana from 1957 until 1961. He received his Ph.D. in psychology from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana in 1961.

On February 1, 1963, Dr. Fliotsos was appointed Assistant Professor of Psychology at the "Purdue University Center" by Dr. Robert L. Ewigleben, the director. Earlier, he had served for two years in the Army Medical Corps and taught psychology courses for both the Purdue and Indiana University "extension" programs in Fort Wayne--as well as on the Kokomo and Warsaw campuses.

In the early 1960s, George **was** the psychology department at Purdue University, Fort Wayne. He served as chair of the new department, hired its earliest cadre of new faculty, and helped orchestrate the move to the new "joint campus on the bypass." He served at the State Hospital and Training Center and the Child Guidance Center, and was one of the founders of Psychological Associates of Fort Wayne, a consulting group of psychologists that worked with businesses and industries in the area. George was promoted to Associate Professor in 1966 and, in the early 1970's, took a sabbatical leave to help a group of psychologists at the University of Athens create a new psychology department there. The politics of Greece at that time, however, prohibited any such changes at the university. In characteristic fashion, George remained in Greece and met with another group of psychologists who shared his interests in mentally retarded children. The nature of his sabbatical had changed. He undertook the task of translating the *Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test* into Greek, and assessing its reliability and validity in the Greek culture. That test remains in use.

George's students remember him as "tough, but fair." They also remember his wry, dry humor as do all of us who are proud to have called him friend. George's diagnostic skills were uncanny. Until his retirement in 1986, Dr. Fliotsos was always asked to serve on personnel selection committees. His assessments of candidates were consistently direct, insightful, and accurate. When he retired, George took to the open road, seeking new learning experiences, new places, new friends. On one of his wanderings, he and his wife drove their small motor home from Florida to Alaska, a journey of four months duration.

George V. Fliotsos is survived by his wife Marilynn, currently of Ormond Beach, Florida; a son, William, of Fort Wayne; and a daughter, Dr. Anne Fliotsos, of Columbia, Missouri. His daughter-in-law, Debra Bojrab-Fliotsos, is a member of the IPFW community and works in Career Services. George was a member of Holy Cross Orthodox Church.