REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION COMMITTEE FOR
STEPHEN C. LARSEN

The special committee of the General Faculty to prepare a memorial resolution for Stephen C. Larsen, professor, special education, has filed with the secretary of the General Faculty the following report.

Sue Alexander Greninger, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council

IN MEMORIAM
STEPHEN C. LARSEN

Stephen Larsen was born on November 4, 1943. He received a B.S. and an M.S. in speech pathology from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and an Ed.D. in learning disabilities from the University of Kansas. In the course of his career, Dr. Larsen worked in the teacher corps on a Nebraska Indian reservation, as a Fulbright senior lecturer in Portugal and Spain, and as a speech pathologist in the public schools. He began his tenure in the Department of Special Education at The University of Texas at Austin in 1970. In 1981, Steve was awarded the senior lectureship from the Fulbright Commission and was assigned to positions in Spain and Portugal.

During his twenty-five years at the University, Steve attained the rank of professor, was appointed graduate advisor, and served as acting chair of the Department of Special Education. He is the author of over eighty publications, including three textbooks, the Test of Written Learning (TOWL), the Test of Adolescent Language (TOAL), and four other standardized tests used in the diagnosis of students with disabilities, more than sixty professional journal articles, and three books. He was elected to office of several international organizations in the fields of psychology and education and served in various editorial capacities for journals focusing on the education of students with disabilities. He also served as a trustee of the Donald D. Hammill Foundation. He retired from the University of Texas in 1995.

Steve is remembered as a warm, collegial individual who readily befriended faculty and mentored graduate students with considerable compassion. At his memorial service, one graduate noted how Steve had arranged transportation to Austin for the student and her unemployed father and mother, provided his rental house at no cost, and found funding to support the student’s doctoral program. Many other stories of his compassion and good works were recounted.

This memorial resolution was prepared by a special committee consisting of Professors James R. Patton (chair), Alba A. Ortiz, and Randall M. Parker.

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