

## DR. RICHARD A. PAGE



RICHARD ALLEN PAGE

Marching Band 2, 3, 4; Concert Band 2, 3, 4; Chess Club 3, Vice-President 3; German Club 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 2, 3, 4; Junior Class 3; Math Club 3, 4; Honor Society 4; Senior Class 4; Sophomore Class 2; Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4; Letter 2, 3, 4; Brass Choir 4.

SPRINGBORO, OH – Wright State University psychology professor, Dr. Richard A. Page, passed away at his home surrounded by his family on Saturday, December 16, 2000. He was 57.

In 2000, Dr. Page received from Wright State University the Presidential Award for Faculty Excellence in Teaching. He excelled in the classroom because he cared about student individuality and connected his lessons to students' lives outside the classroom. His influence extended beyond the classroom. Volunteers from his classes provided more than 500 hours of community mental health services each quarter. He asked his students to generate ideas and earn extra course credit for volunteering. Among other things, they tutored in schools, set up recreation in nursing homes and helped with church projects. Dr. Page believed that it was good for students to get hands-on experience and interact with others in a human service role. Many students continued their volunteer work long after the course was over.

Dr. Page was born in Ithaca, New York on September 23, 1943, to Cuyler and Eleanor Page. After graduating from Ithaca High School in 1961, he attended Hamilton College in Clinton, New York, where he graduated, with Honors in Psychology in 1965. He attended graduate school at the University of Rochester and received his Ph.D. in Social Psychology in 1972. He joined the faculty in the Department of Psychology at Wright State University in 1970, where he held the rank of Associate Professor from

1976 until his death. He was the recipient of a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Energy Related Fellowship to study at the University of British Columbia, and of a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Professional Development Grant to study at Stanford University. He published articles in over 20 books and journals. In 1982, he received, the Doctor of Psychology Degree, (Psy.D.) in Clinical Psychology from Wright State University. From 1982 until his death, he maintained a part time private practice as a clinical psychologist, including consulting with the Pediatric Clinic at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Dr. Page married Joan Shakofsky Page on June 15, 1968. They have two sons, Michael Sol Page and Benjamin J. Page. Dr. Page was an active supporter of the Youth Soccer Program and of the Cub Scouts. The family resided in Yellow Springs, Ohio from 1970 to 1995, when they moved to Springboro, Ohio.

Dr. Page is survived by his wife, Joan, their two sons, Michael and Ben, their daughter-in-law Doris, and by his brother, Cuyler Page. He is also survived by many relatives and friends, including Scott Kelly, Charlotte Shakofsky, Harriet Wall, Vance Marshall, Carol Russell, and Jean Horton.

Contributions in Dr. Page's memory may be made to the Department of Psychology Scholarship Fund, 335 Fawcett Hall, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio 45435, Attention: Dr. Wayne Shelbilske. Contributions may also be made in Dr. Page's memory to Hospice of Dayton and Middletown, 324 Wilmington Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45420.

A memorial service celebrating Dr. Page's life will be held at Wright State University on Wednesday, December 20. For details as to time and location, call the Psychology department Office (937) 775-2391. The family is being served by the Littleton & Rue Funeral Home, Springfield, OH.

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Here is the text for the memorial plaque for Dick Page, placed at the tree planted in his memory at the Wright State University Campus, Dayton, Ohio. The photo is of him in his last year in the midst of his battle with bone cancer. He believed in living life to the fullest.



RICHARD A. PAGE, Ph.D.  
September 23, 1943 - December 16, 2000

Blessed are the ones who teach us,  
Blessed are the ones we teach.

Associate Professor, Department of Psychology  
Wright State University  
1970 - 2000

Donated by his family in loving memory