

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**  
**DEAN F. BERKLEY**  
**(November 3, 1925 – May 17, 2009)**

Dean F. Berkley, professor emeritus in the School of Education at Indiana University, passed away at his home in Bloomington on May 17, 2009. Much of Dean's 40-year professional career was spent in service to Indiana University and to Indiana's K-12 schools.

Dean grew up in Mitchell, South Dakota, where he participated in athletics, debate, and drama. He was also active in the Boy Scouts, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. He earned his B.A. from Dakota Wesleyan University and his M.A. and Ed.D. from the University of Denver. He also served in the U.S. Army in 1946 and 1947.

At the beginning of his career in education, Dean worked in several locales in South Dakota as a teacher, coach, and school administrator. His last public school position was assistant superintendent of the Sioux Falls Schools.

In 1957, Dean joined the faculty of Indiana University where he served with distinction until his retirement in 1990. His IU administrative appointments included Director of College and University Placement (1957-1961), Director of Field Services (1962-1969), and Director of the Division of Administration and Administrative Studies in the School of Education (1969-1982). He was extremely loyal to Indiana University and always exhibited deep institutional commitment.

Dean was internationally acclaimed as a public speaker. A winner of the Toastmaster International Speech Competition, he addressed audiences in forty-nine states and numerous foreign countries. He truly could mesmerize any audience with his engaging wit and insightful observations. His motivational speeches inspired generations of school personnel with humor and messages of hope. He was without peer in his delivery style, rapport with audiences, and sage advice regarding the improvement of K-12 education in our nation.

But Dean's legacy is far more than his very memorable oratory. No one in Indiana was respected more in terms of knowledge about school boards, school leaders, and what school districts needed to do to improve education. And his reputation reached beyond the borders of our state. Harmon Baldwin, former school superintendent and Dean's friend, noted the "professional pride" that Dean took in "the stable of educational

leaders he had identified and placed in positions throughout the country. Without argument, the reach of Dean Berkley was extensive.” Dean also played key roles in establishing the Indiana School Boards Association and the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents. Among his many other service contributions, he led the effort to reorganize schools in Monroe county in 1959, and he served as President of the Monroe County Community School Holding Corporation.

At IU, he taught various courses in the educational leadership program in Bloomington and at other IU campuses throughout the state. His school-community relations course was legendary for enlightening students about the politics of education. He provided invaluable service in advising hundreds of students who were pursuing graduate degrees in educational leadership. Doug Williams, who served as Dean’s last graduate assistant at IU, observed: “He was a mentor and friend, one who would go to any length to assist, to guide, to nurture – a man whose extraordinary gifts were consistently enlisted to assist the education profession, and indirectly, children everywhere.”

Among honors bestowed on Dean for his service to Indiana schools were the Outstanding Educator by the Indiana Association of School Superintendents, the President’s Award from the Indiana Association of Elementary School Principals, and the Loren Burt Award by the Indiana School Boards Association. Given his exceptional influence on graduate students and young professionals, the educational leadership unit in the School of Education established an award in Dean’s honor, the Dean F. Berkley Emerging Leader Award, which is awarded annually to an outstanding leader in the first 10 years of his or her career.

Dean also was a Sagamore of the Wabash, a Ford Foundation Fellow, and a Danforth Foundation Associate. In addition, he received a distinguished alumni award and an honorary doctorate from Dakota Wesleyan University, and he was named a Kentucky Colonel and an Arkansas Traveler for his outstanding contributions to education in those states. Also, Dean was active in Phi Delta Kappa, Hoosier Trails Council of Boy Scouts of America, Bloomington Rotary Club, St. Mark’s Methodist Church, and Monroe County United Ministries.

After retiring from IU in 1990, Dean and his wife, Dorothy, divided their time between Bloomington and the North Carolina mountains. They also enjoyed spending time with their four children and seven grandchildren. Dean was a skilled carpenter, and in retirement he made customized bird houses that were displayed at craft fairs in North Carolina.

Dean Berkley was a treasured colleague and a valued member of the educational leadership program in the School of Education for more than 30 years. During this time he taught and influenced scores of students, colleagues, and practitioners. We are all indebted to Dean for his many contributions to IU and to education in Indiana and our nation.

In recognition of his devotion to the university and to his profession, be it resolved that this memorial resolution be a part of the minutes of the Bloomington Faculty Council and that copies be sent to his wife, Dorothy Berkley, and to his children, Craig Berkley, Bryan Berkley, Dee Berkley Allen, and Brent Berkley.

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