



## Dr. Richard E. Ishler

March 14, 1934 - July 5, 2017

Dr. Richard E. Ishler, 83, of Statesville, NC, died on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at Gordon Hospice House in Statesville. He was born on March 14, 1934 in Bellefonte, PA to the late John William and Bessie Frances Ishler. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Donald, John, Thomas, and David; sisters, Lois and Sally; and by stepson, Larry Williams. He is survived by his loving wife, Ann Louise Ishler; siblings, Janet, Wendell, Philip, and Cindy; children, Fred of Chicago, IL, Ted of Milwaukee, WI, and Maryanne Knight of Columbia, SC; stepchildren Sandra Marchant, Thomas Williams; and grandchildren, Jeremy Williams, Natalie Essinger, Julianne Ishler, Jake Ishler, Brooks Ishler, Brittany Williams, Mitchell Williams, Tyler Knight, and Madison Knight. Richard graduated from Bellefonte High School [PA] and received a BS degree from Lock Haven University [PA] as well as M.Ed and Ed.D degrees from the Pennsylvania State University. During his 42 year career in education he served as a classroom teacher in Marion Central School [NY], a principal in the Red Lion School District [PA], professor and administrator at the University of Toledo [OH], Dean and professor at Emporia State University [KS], Dean and professor at Texas Tech University, and Dean and professor at the University of South Carolina. He retired from the University of South Carolina with the titles Distinguished Dean of Education Emeritus and Distinguished Professor of Education Emeritus. He published more than 100 scholarly articles in professional journals, edited three professional books, served as president of four professional organizations,

and served on the boards of three national education boards. Richard was named the recipient of the Association of Teacher Educators' Hans Olsen Distinguished Teacher Educator Award in February 2017. Dr. Ishler served in the United States Army from 1955-1957. A viewing will be held on Friday, July 7 from 9:00-9:30 AM with a prayer service at 9:30 AM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. A graveside service with full military honors will follow at 11:00 AM at Salisbury National Cemetery in Salisbury. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Richard E. Ishler Scholarship Fund, College of Education, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, NC is serving the Ishler family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Richard E. Ishler*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Dr. Richard E. Ishler*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Dr. Richard E. Ishler*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *I was privileged to serve as Dr. Ishler's graduate assistant from 1975-77 at Univ of Toledo. He chaired my dissertation committee and my wife and I traveled to Europe with him in 1976. In every way and at all times, he was the consummate gentleman. I've never worked for a more compassionate and altruistic boss. My deepest sympathy to his family.*

**David Wood** - September 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Aunt Ann: I am so very sorry to hear that Dick passed away. Fred and I still talk about how much we enjoyed our visit with you. We had such a wonderful afternoon. He was a lovely man. Please know you are in my thoughts. Love, Sheila*

**Sheila VanSelow-Duda** - July 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ Ann and Maryann, Gail and I were so saddened by Dick's death. I enjoyed working with him as a fellow dean at USC. I was always impressed with his quiet, yet strong leadership as a dean. He made a significant impact on the university in many ways. For example, he was responsible for instigating the hooding ceremony for USC doctoral grads--a wonderful event that still continues. Ann, Gail and I also remember fondly the personal friendship we enjoyed with you and Dick, as well as the relationship between our two daughters. Maryann, it is good to know that although you and Abi are miles apart, your friendship continues. Dick was a wonderful person. He left the world a better place through his professional accomplishments and his personal relationships. May you be comforted by God's grace and your memories of your time together. Frank

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**Frank Raymond** - July 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dear Ann, Toni and I were so sad to learn of Dick's passing. Dick was an outstanding Dean and I enjoyed working with him as a fellow Dean and then even more so when I was Provost. I have many fond memories of our times together. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Jerry Odom** - July 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Dear Ann and Family, I send my condolences to you on the passing of Dick. He was my mentor and a leading educator. God bless you in this difficult time.

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**Peggy Ishler Bosse** - July 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ We were notified of Dick's passing by the editor of an ATE publication here in Kansas. Ann and family, we are so sorry for your loss, but we joyfully remember the wonderful years we lived and worked together at Emporia State.

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**Stu and Barbara Ervay** - July 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ DEAR ANN AND FAMILY, WE SEND OUR CONDOLENCES ... DICK WAS A CLASSMATE AND A DEAR PERSONAL FRIEND. DICK & MILLIE MECKES , RIVERSIDE, CA.

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July 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Here in the College of Education at USC we are saddened to hear of the passing of Dean Ishler. I have heard so many great things from those who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Jon Pedersen, Dean College of Education University of South Carolina

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**Jon Pedersen** - July 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Dear Maryanne (&family), we are thinking of you as you celebrate your father's remarkable life. Wishing you comfort & peace in this time of deep sorrow.

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**Deb & Jim Roland** - July 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM