

REMEMBRANCES



Tracy E. Strevey, Ph.D.

Tracy E. Strevey, Ph.D., LLD, died after a brief illness in Leisure World, Laguna Woods, Jan. 15, 2000, five days before his 98th birthday. Born in Westfield, ILL. in 1902, he was an educator, teacher, academic administrator and civic leader. He received his BA degree, Phi Beta Kappa, from Willamette University, Salem, OR. in 1923, and his MA degree from the University of Washington in 1925. After teaching high school for several years, he attended the University of Chicago where he received his Ph.D. in history in 1930. In December 1930 he married Margaret Virginia Rees of Arlington, VA. Following two years of teaching at the University of Chicago, he taught for four years at the University of Wisconsin. In 1935 he and his family moved to Evanston, ILL. where he taught and advanced

to become Chairman of the Department of History at Northwestern University. In 1948, he became Dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences of the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, where in 1960 he became Vice President for Academic Affairs. He created changes at USC bringing the faculty into full participation in the decision making process including appointments and promotions, budget preparation, tenure status determination. He also fostered the development of honors programs for students and summer programs at Cambridge, England. Working with the Ford Foundation during 1966 and 1967, he served as Executive Director of Haile Selassie University in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. At the conclusion of this period he retired and moved to Leisure World, Laguna Hills. During his retirement years he was involved in governance and leadership positions and participated in many club activities. He was the first elected President of the Golden Rain Foundation Board of Directors; served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Saddleback Memorial Hospital; was founding president of the Leisure World Historical Society; was founder and first president of the Academician Society; and functioned as a consultant to numerous organizations.

He is survived by his loving wife Margaret, his daughter Betty and his son Tracy, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Donations may be sent to: The Saddleback Memorial Foundation, 24451 Health Center Drive, Laguna Hills, CA 92653.