

With Deepest Regret and Sympathy!

In Memory of  
**Dr. Mary Chandler**

President of  
International Society for Educational  
Planning

2015-2016

## In Memoriam

### **Dr. Mary Chandler**

1948-2016

Dr. Mary Chandler, President of the International Society for Educational Planning (ISEP), passed away on November 13, 2016, at her home. Mary was a long-time member of ISEP and was elected president at the ISEP Annual Meeting in October 2015 in Baltimore.

Mary and her family immigrated from Hungary to the United States in 1956 during the height of the communist revolution, settling in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Mary was a graduate of Indiana University, Emory University, The University of Georgia, Georgia State University, and Kennesaw State University Coles College of Business. She was a classroom teacher, middle school assistant principal, middle and high school principal, and consultant for the Georgia Teacher Evaluation Program at Georgia State University. She served as an academic professional at the University of Georgia before coming to Kennesaw State University. She was also a certified managerial coach.

Her research interests included coaching educational leaders, facility planning, school business administration, school finance, law, ethics, and international education.

During her time with ISEP, Mary was known for her warm personality, her passion for educational planning and for being a true professional. During her short reign as President of ISEP, her leadership style was authentic, collaborative, and inspirational. In addition, Mary was most willing to challenge herself and others in order for ISEP to carry out its mission.

In their book *Leading with Soul*, Bolman and Deal (2011) offer the following about effective leadership: *the essence of leadership is not giving tangible things or even inspirational visions. It is offering oneself and one's spirit* (p. 122). Dr. Mary Chandler will be missed, especially by those of us in ISEP who had gotten to know her so well. But, her spirit will carry on and for that, ISEP will be much better off.

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