

# **MEMORIAL**

**FOR**

## **Dr. Ron A. Lindahl**

Ronald Arthur Lindahl, who was a member of the International Society for Educational Planning for over 30 years, passed away at his home in Montgomery, Alabama on September 12, 2017. He was a Professor of Educational Leadership, Policy & Law at Alabama State University at the time of his death. His wife of 19 years, Normie, and daughter Karen survive him.

Ron received his bachelor's degree in Music Education, and his Master's and PhD in Educational Administration at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. He began his life's work, teaching, in the public schools of Cheraw, Colorado. He then taught overseas for the Department of Defense (DOD) Schools in England. Following his graduate education he also spent a few years in Brazil serving as Coordinator of the Human Resource Planning and Development Program for the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture. On his return to the US, he served as the Head of the Loretto School in Kansas City, Kansas.

He began his career as a professor at the University of Texas El Paso as an Assistant Professor. Later he served as a Chair and Dean. He also was a member of the faculty of Educational Administration at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington and Chair of Educational Leadership at Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee. Ron's final position was Professor and Chair of Educational Leadership in the Educational Leadership Program at Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama.

Dr. Lindahl wrote extensively in the field of educational planning and authored over 40 manuscripts in various peer-reviewed journals,

including *Educational Planning*. His research efforts were mainly in the field of educational planning and in the principalship. He co-authored many manuscripts and worked with his colleague and close friend Dr. Robert Beach, founder and coordinator of the doctoral program in Educational Leadership, Policy & Law at Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama.

Dr. Lindahl was a recognized national and international expert in the field of educational planning and made many presentations in both the United States and overseas. His contributions to the state of educational planning were many and varied. Authors in the field who recognized his expertise cited his writings frequently.

His work in the International Society for Educational Planning spanned many decades. He served in many capacities—member of the Board of Directors, Vice-President, and Chair for various committees. Ron had a wonderful sense of humor and regaled the ISEP membership at meetings. He had great insight into the process of planning and frequently shared those insights with ISEP members through his presentations. Because of his winning ways and common sense he was liked by everyone.

Unfortunately, in the latter years of his life he suffered from an inability to physically get around due to a variant form of ALS; yet he continued with his work and contributions to ISEP. Much to the admiration of his friends and colleagues he persevered with his efforts in supporting The Society.

He will be greatly missed not only by his family, but also by all individuals who had the opportunity to meet and work with him. Ron was a giant in the field of educational planning.

Ron was an enthusiastic backpacker—he climbed many mountains.

Robert H. Beach and Glen I. Earthman