



Kenneth E. Herrick

Sports

Born and reared in Flandreau, South Dakota, Kenneth E. Herrick received his formal education at the South Dakota School for the Deaf from which he graduated with honors in 1960. Throughout his time at the SDSD, he brought abundant credit and honor to the school as an athlete-scholar, participating in varsity football, basketball, and track and field sports. He was especially noted, however, for his outstanding performances in the sport of basketball where he

reigned as the team's highest scorer all of the four seasons that he donned a Pheasant uniform.

Like many prominent SDSD graduates in history, Herrick participated actively in the school's vitally important extracurricular activities as one of the student organization leaders of more than passing merit. He maintained high grades academically and was known to have served as a steady force in encouraging his fellow peers to perform at their level best at all times. His participation in the after-school activities, along with his crowd of leaders, created an environment of warmth, cooperative spirit, and positive expectations specific to development of self-esteem among the student body.

Upon completion of his SDSD education, Herrick attended Southern State College in Springfield, South Dakota for course work in the area of drafting where he learned to be an expert draftsman. This experience eventually qualified him for employment as a full-scale draftsman at the South Dakota State Highway Department in Pierre, South Dakota. During his tenure there, he was often recognized for his excellent work, demonstrating that deaf people can do anything except hear if they are given the opportunity to explore and develop their true potential.

From Pierre, in pursuit of new opportunities, Herrick moved to California where he met and married his beloved Bernadine Ruth Flesner, from the Minnesota School for the Deaf, on June 27, 1964. He was employed as a computerized technical illustrator for 35 years in the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation on the Burbank and Palmdale locations until retirement.

His years in California were filled with volunteerism in the area of community service. He was actively involved as a member and officer of the Southern California Deaf Campers Association; special programs of the Greater Los Angeles Deaf (GLAD) organization; Deaf Seniors of America (DSA) in the Los Angeles area; and, prior to his death at the age of 66 on March 27, 2007, the Antelope Valley Deaf Citizens Fellowship Club of Lancaster, which he served for years as its president.

Herrick passed away at the Age of 66 on March 27 2007 in Lancaster, California where he resided for 26 years.