

DR. FRANK TURK



Dr. Frank R. Turk, known as the “Father of the Deaf Youth of America by conducting countless leadership training activities at schools, programs and events for the deaf across U.S.A. Frank born and raised in Hibbing, Minnesota. He attended and graduated at Minnesota School for the Deaf in 1947. He then graduated with B.A. in Deaf Education at Gallaudet University in 1952. He also received M.A. from University of Maryland in 1969 and PhD from American University in 1983.

He assumed positions up the ladder as teacher, coach, counselor and dean of students at

Gallaudet University and its precollege programs for 37 years; as superintendent of the South Dakota School for the Deaf, state director of the North Carolina Services for the Deaf which oversight of three residential schools for the deaf. During his retirement, he served as adjunct professor at McDaniel College at Westminster, MD and Metropolitan Community College in Omaha, Nebraska.

During his time at South Dakota, as superintendent of S.D.S.D., he produced and enhance many good things for the school, the students and their families, and the community to become a positive and productive multigenerational educational family to be emulated nationwide. Among his most notable accomplishments was the first ever National Symposium on Childhood Deafness, which drew a large number of parents, teachers and education staff along collaboration with a dozens large deafness related national organizations. When he returned to South Dakota to work for CSD in youth leadership program, he took a major role of implement the National Leadership and Literacy Camp at Camp Lakodia, Madison, S.D., which drew a large number of students from all over USA. Because of his tirelessly services, South Dakota has become notably nationally recognized.

He is currently resides at Omaha along with his wife, Marlene and 5 years old Schnauzer, Jenny. He has three children; Frank, Marianne, and Michael.

