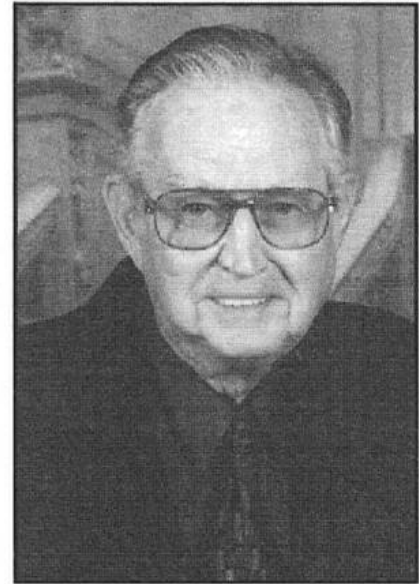


Delbert L. Erickson

Delbert Erickson, originally from Ohio, traveled all over the country and gained much experience in the areas of academic teaching in schools, administration and community service. He received degrees from Gallaudet College (University), Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Nebraska at Omaha, California State University at Northridge and Augustana College in Sioux Falls.



Erickson has written and published articles about printing, sign language and school curriculum. He served as editor for the Nebraska School for the Deaf and South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD) school newsletters, the *Nebraska Journal* and the *Beacon*, respectively.

In 1973, Erickson came to SDSD — his wife, Virginia's, alma mater — to be a supervisory teacher. Later, he became acting principal, before his retirement in 1988. However, he was not ready to sit on a rocking chair and continued his work in a voluntary capacity for the community of Sioux Falls in particular, and the state of South Dakota in general. He held many offices for various deaf and professional organizations.

Erickson played an important role in the establishment of Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD) in 1975, and served as an employee there until his official retirement in July 1998. In 1980, in one of his many projects at CSD, he helped write a federal grant to provide services to the elderly deaf. As a result, the Deaf Senior Citizens Organization was established, under the sponsorship of SDAD/CSD. He was one of two individuals who contributed a lot of time and energy specific to getting the organization off to a good start and on its own feet.

Today, Erickson lives with Virginia, his beloved wife of 50 years, in Sioux Falls. They enjoy traveling and visiting their wonderful children and grandchildren.