



WESLEY SHEPARD, 1908-1993

Wesley Shepard, of Pharr, TX, former chairman of the music department at the University of Evansville, died Thursday at a McAllen (TX) Bursing Center.

A music educator and conductor, he was music department chairman at UE for 26 years and was principal clarinetist and assistant conductor of the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra. He moved to Texas about 20 years ago after retiring.

He was director emeritus and founder of the Tri-State Band and the UE Symphonic Band.

In addition to UE, his 42-year teaching career included Central High School and schools in St. Louis and Maywood, IL.

He had composed and arranged more than 100 works for band and was a frequent guest conductor of the U.S. Army Band, University of Illinois Band, and a conductor at the Interlochen National Music Camp.

The Army Air Corps veteran was conductor of the Moore Field Band in Mission, Texas, and Scott Field Band in Illinois during World War II.

He was elected to the American Bandmasters Association, the highest honor of his profession. He received the Indiana Distinguished Service Award in 1972.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy; and a brother, Ralph, of Steger, IL.

Services will be at 2pm Sunday at McAllen First Presbyterian Church. Virgil Wilson Mortuary in McAllen is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wesley Shepard Memorial Fund in care of Phi Mu Alpha Fraternity National Office, 10600 Old State Road, Evansville, IN 47711.