

ROY A. KRESS: A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

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Roy Alfred Kress was born on October 4, 1916 in Elmira, New York. He completed a BS at Locke Haven State College in 1938. He then started his career as a teacher in the Woods School, Langhorne, PA, and taught for 5 years. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1943 where he served thirty-nine months during World War II. After the war, Kress returned to Langhorne where he was a teacher supervisor until 1949.

Kress earned his MS and PhD (1956) at Temple University. He then moved to Texas where he served as educational director at Shady Brook School in Richardson, and later moved back north to Syracuse University, where he was an associate professor until 1963. Kress then returned to Temple University, where he was a professor, associate dean, and acting dean between 1963 and 1979. From 1979 until his death in 2004 he held the title of Emeritus Professor at Temple University.



Kress was honored by the International Reading Association (IRA) and inducted into their Reading Hall of Fame in 1986. He also served on the Board of Directors for both IRA and the College Reading Association (CRA). His other awards included the Service Award of the Locke Haven State College Alumni Association (1973) and the IRA Service Award (1976).

Kress' published works included *Providing Clinical Services in Reading: An Annotated Bibliography* (1966), *Corrective Reading in the Elementary Classroom* (1967), and *Significant Issues in Reading* (1968).

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