

**In Memoriam  
Thomas D. Horn  
Professor Emeritus  
Department of Curriculum & Instruction  
June 26, 1918 - January 13, 1993**

Dr. Thomas D. Horn, Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Curriculum and Instruction, died January 13, 1993, in Laguna Beach, California. He was born June 26, 1918 in Iowa City, Iowa, son of Earnest and Madeline Darrough Horn.

Dr. Horn received his Ph.D. in 1947 from the State University of Iowa, where he also completed Master's and Bachelor's degrees. In 1940-43, Dr. Horn taught elementary school at River Forest, Illinois and Denver, Colorado. From 1943-46 Sgt. Horn served in the Army's 78th Infantry Division, European Theater of Operations, and was awarded three battle stars. From 1947-51, Dr. Horn served as Assistant Professor at the University of Northern Iowa-Cedar Falls (then Iowa State Teachers College) and Principal of the Campus Elementary School.

In 1951 Dr. Horn came to The University of Texas at Austin as an Associate Professor, and was promoted to Professor in 1959. From 1962-1973 he served as Chairman of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, retiring in 1985 as Professor Emeritus.

Author, co-author and/or consultant for spelling textbook series, reading series, and numerous articles, Dr. Horn also directed 130 Master's theses and chaired 33 doctoral committees. Dr. Horn was acknowledged as an expert in bilingual reading and the methodology of field-based research on reading. During his tenure at The University of Texas, he directed one of the 27 critical "First-Grade Studies" sponsored by the U.S. Office of Education in the mid-sixties, a nationwide effort to determine appropriate literacy-building methodologies. Dr. Horn's study dealt with the unique needs of Hispanic children in the Southwest and served as a pioneering effort. As a long-time member of the International Reading Association, Dr. Horn was named to the "Reading Hall of Fame," a prestigious honor indicating a lifetime of contributions to literacy.

Dr. Horn's professional activities and honors were numerous, including:

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| 1948-49: | President, Iowa Association for Student Teaching ( <i>now Iowa Association of Teacher Education</i> )   |
| 1952-53: | President, Texas Association for Student Teaching ( <i>now Texas Association of Teacher Educators</i> )   |
| 1957-58: | President, National Association for Student Teaching ( <i>now Association of Teacher Education</i> )  |
| 1958-59: | President, National Conference on Research in English   |
| 1965-68: | Director, Elementary Section, National Council of Teachers of English   |
| 1967-72: | Advisory Board, ERIC-CRIER  |
| 1968-70: | Chair, Committee on Reading for the Disadvantaged, International Reading Association  |
| 1972-75: | Chair, Texas Commission on Services to Children and Youth   |
| 1972-80: | Document Evaluator, ERIC Clearinghouse of Reading and Communication Skills  |
| 1972-83: | Advisory Committee on Bilingual Education, Texas Education Agency   |
| 1979:    | Special Service Award, International Reading Association  |
| 1984:    | Ben E. Coody Distinguished Service Award, Texas Association of Teacher Educators, for significant contributions to the field of teacher education in Texas through active leadership and service to the teaching profession |
| 1984:    | Reading Hall of Fame and Honorary Life Membership, International Reading Association  |

Dr. Horn is survived by his wife, Grace, of Austin; his daughter, Diane, of Seattle; and his brother, William, of New York City.

*Private family services were held.*

*Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association or to another charity of choice.*