



## Dr. Gerald Wayne "Jerry" Meyers

October 18, 1938 - October 17, 2013

Dr. Gerald Wayne "Jerry" Meyers, 74, of Madison, formerly of Mentor, died Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013, at Hospice House in Cleveland.

Born Oct. 18, 1938, in Defiance, Dr. Meyers was an administrator/professor and an original faculty member at Lakeland Community College for 33 years (1967 to 2000). He was the original chairman of the Social Science department, course professor for thousands of students and founding director of Lakeland East. He officially retired in 1999 and continued teaching until 2001. Prior to that, he had taught two years at Bethel Township in Miami County (1960 to 1963) and five years at Mayfield High School (1963 to 1967). In his career in education, he completed 40 years as an educator.

Jerry graduated in 1956 from Defiance High School, where he played football and was recognized as All Ohio/All-American tail back (1955). He obtained a B.S. in education in 1960 and an M.A. in history in 1964 at Bowling Green State University. He also completed his Ed.D. in administration from the University of Akron in 1978. Jerry was a member of Phi Delta Kappa/ Alpha Tau Omega and past president of The Mentor Exchange Club.

Survivors include his children, Denise (William) Shaw and Deanna Kochensparger, both of Mentor, Greg (Evangeline) Meyers of Fitchburg, Wis., Phillip (Emily) Meyers of Saint Charles, Mo., Theresa (Marlon) Nicks and Danielle (Brian) Grospitch, both of Columbus; grandchildren, Erin (fiancé

Michael Davidow) Shaw, Lauren (Adam) McGing, Hannah Goodson, Alyssa, Megan and Rebecca Shaw, Makena, Maximos and Karina Meyers, Brian, Gavin and Caleb Nicks and Stella Meyers; great-grandson, Aiden Goodson; sister, Martha (Lawrence) Tonjes of Hicksville; and former spouse, Gail (Stephen) Kerns of Mentor. Jerry was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia (Schrader) Meyers; parents, Robert A. and Ruth N. (Lower) Meyers; grandchildren; Gianna and Roger Meyers; and son-in-law, Brian Goodson.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday October 20, 2013 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, with the funeral service to immediately follow at 7 p.m. Celebration of Life and Dinner immediately following for all family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Memory of Dr. Gerald W. Meyers, c/o Lakeland Foundation at Lakeland Community College, 7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland, OH 44094.

Online obituary at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).