

ARNOLD, Carroll C.

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### Carroll C. Arnold

Carroll C. Arnold, 84, formerly of Centerville, died Jan. 12, 1997, at Foxdale Village in State College, PA. He was born to the late Juliette Hornbeck Arnold and Clyde B. Arnold on April 29, 1912 at Lake Park, Iowa. At an early age he moved with his family to Centerville, South Dakota where he attended the public schools, graduating from Centerville High School in 1929. In 1933 he received the BA in English and History from Sioux Falls College. For two years he taught in elementary schools in South Dakota, and from 1935 to 1939 he taught English, Speech, and History at Washington High School in Sioux Falls, SD.

In 1936, he married Ruby "Bie" Swenson, of Viborg, who died in 1991.

He did some graduate study at the University of South

Dakota, and in 1940 received the MA in Speech and History and in 1942 the Ph.D. in speech and English literature from the University of Iowa. From 1940 to 1942 he taught Speech at the University of Akron and at Chatham College. He served as a non-commissioned officer in Air Corps Intelligence in the United States and in Panama from 1942 to 1945.

In 1946 he became an instructor in Speech at Cornell University where he ultimately became Professor and Chair of the Department of Speech and Drama. In 1963 he left Cornell to become Professor of Speech Communication at Penn State, from which position he retired as Emeritus Professor in 1977. He served on a variety of committees in the College of Liberal Arts and the Faculty Senate at Penn State. Following retirement from Penn State, he was designated the first A. Craig Baird Visiting Professor in Communication Studies at the University of Iowa, and served as Visiting Professor at the universities of Delaware, California-Davis, Washington, Colorado Boulder, Georgia, and Arizona. He was listed in Who's Who in America.

In 1970, as Chair of the Speech Communication Association Research Board, he was one of two co-planners of the Wingspread Conference on Research Directions in Speech Communication which continues to influence scholarly enquiry in the field. When he retired from Penn State, he was named "Teacher of the Field." In 1994, the Speech Communication Association established its first named lecture series, the Carroll C. Arnold Annual Distinguished Lecture, to be presented by a distinguished researcher at each national convention. In 1997, the Department of Speech Communication at Penn State established the Carroll C. Arnold Research Award to be given to an outstanding graduate student each year.

In 1976 he received the Distinguished Teaching Award from the Penn State College of Liberal Arts Alumni Association and in 1984 that

Association's Distinguished Emeritus Award. He also received Distinguished Service Awards from the Speech Communication Association and the Eastern Communication Association. He was president of the latter association in 1963-64. In 1969 he received the Speech Communication Association's James A. Winans Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Rhetoric and Public Address.

He was author of approximately 50 scholarly articles and chapters and author or co-author of 8 books, some in several editions. From 1966 to 1968 he was editor of *Communication Monographs*, and he served on a variety of publications, research, and policy boards and committees of regional and national communication associations. In 1968 he was a co-founder of the journal *Philosophy and Rhetoric*, published at Penn State, of which he was Associate Editor until his retirement from the University. From 1982 to 1990, he was Editor of the Rhetoric/Communication Series of books published by the University of South Carolina Press and a frequent reviewer of books and articles for scholarly journals and university presses. He was a life member of the International Society for the History of Rhetoric, the Speech Communication Association, the Eastern Communication Association, and the Pennsylvania Speech Communication Association. He was also a member of the Rhetoric Society of America.

He is survived by three sisters, Joyce Trennery of Sioux Falls, SD, Ruth Torrence of Galesburg, IL, and Glen Knapp of Sparks, NV.