



Kent M Christiansen Biography

Dr. Kent M Christiansen was professor emeritus in the former College of Education. He was married to his wife, Margaret, for forty years and they had eight children. He graduated from Brigham Young University with a BS degree in Secondary Education and as a Distinguished Air Force ROTC graduate. After one year of teaching and coaching at Snake River High School in Idaho, he took his commission as a Second Lieutenant and joined the Air Force. He writes in his life story, "It was at Geiger Air Force Base in Spokane, Washington where I was assigned as Adjutant and Personnel Officer for a Fighter Interceptor Squadron. Near the end of the first year I was sent to Scott Air Force Base in Bellevue, Illinois. It was at that school that I was introduced to Principles of Guidance and Counseling, a new dimension to education and one which held a certain fascination for me."

Dr. Christiansen received a Master's degree from Brigham Young University and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University. Upon graduation from Michigan State University his first employment was at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. After one year there he was invited to join the Education faculty at Arizona State University. His assignment was three quarters time as an administrator and a quarter time in the counseling center. Dr. Christiansen, who called himself "Counselor Educator," became engrossed in the methods and practice of academic advising. Dr. Christiansen, or "Dr. C" as he was affectionately known to his students, soon became known as the faculty member who had a penchant for advising students from the front counter of the College of Education Advisement Office in Payne Hall at Arizona State University.

In honor of Kent M Christiansen's service and dedication to both the professions of teaching and academic advising, the Council of Academic Advisors established the Kent M Christiansen Memorial Lecture to recognize his nearly thirty years of dedication to academic advising at Arizona State University.