

Original Writings

by

Jack R. Meagher

OBITUARY

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Jack R. Meagher, professor emeritus of computer science and mathematics at Western Michigan University, died suddenly Sunday at Bronson Methodist Hospital.

Meagher, 76, became Western's first director of the Academic Computer Center in 1961, a post he held until his retirement in July 1983, when he received his honorary title.



Services

will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 504 S. Westnedge, with the Rev. Ronnie C. Peterson and the Rev. William A. Diehl officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Ever-Rest Cemetery. Friends will be received at Joldersma & Klein, 917 S. Burdick, where the family will be present from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Meagher was born in Ironton, Minn., on April 14, 1913 to Raymond F. and Agnes Peterson Meagher. He was raised in Duluth,

Minn.

Meagher earned a bachelor's degree from WMU and a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Michigan.

He served in the 12th Weather Squadron of the U.S. Army Air Corps from February 1941 to September 1945.

He married Sylvia Rorvig in 1943. They lived in Battle Creek until their move to Kalamazoo in 1959.

In Kalamazoo, Meagher was active in church and community affairs. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, the founding president of the Kalamazoo Southwest Michigan Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery and a member and past president of the Downtown Kalamazoo Optimist Club.

He also served on the first Kalamazoo Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council and helped to found the Kalamazoo Alcohol Information Center, which became the Gateway Treatment Center.

Survivors include his wife; son Richard of Kalamazoo; and daughters Jean Brodie of Kalamazoo and Barbara Bennett of Rapid River. His oldest son, Robert, died in Vietnam in 1968.

HISTORY OF THE WESTERN MICHIGAN INTERGROUP

December 19, 1986

DOCUMENTATION PACKETS

- 1 Birth of the Western Michigan General Service Committee
- 2 The "Big Open Meetings"
- 3 The second General Service Assembly - 1952
- 4 Another "Big Open Meeting" - 1953
- 5 The Upper Peninsula and northern Wisconsin are assigned a Delegate on Panel 2
- 6 Michigan gets its third Delegate, Panel 6
- 7 The seed of Intergroup germinates - 1957-1959
- 8 Western Michigan Intergroup is established - 1960
- 9 Host-group involvement, and the relationship between Intergroup and the Western Michigan General Service Committee
- 10 The Western-Central boundary begins to bend
- 11 Don Walker's memo: "What is the Intergroup?" - 1960
- 12 Intergroup format and Committee roster - 1967
- 13 AA weekends, in conjunction with Intergroup - 1970's Intergroup-sponsored Sharing Sessions and Workshops
- 14 The northern portion of the area forms an Intergroup
- 15 Update - 1986

Most packets have attached photo-copies or other reproductions of letters, flyers, memos, mailing lists, and/or minutes that are illustrative of the time-period indicated. Those items (especially "dittos") that would not copy have been retyped.