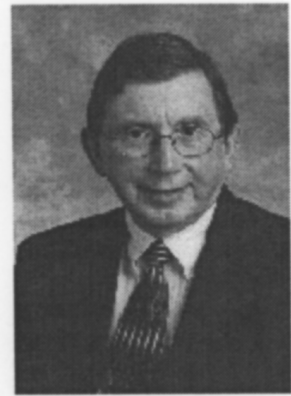


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YSU Trustee Larry E. Esterly dies at home



◀ Larry Esterly

Larry E. Esterly, 66, chair of the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees, died unexpectedly Saturday night at his home in Poland, Ohio

"Larry has been associated with YSU for nearly 50 years," YSU President David C. Sweet said. "He has set the highest standards for what it means to be an effective member and chair of the board of trustees. His leadership, knowledge and tireless support for this university, particularly for its students, faculty and staff, will be greatly missed."

Dr. H.S. Wang, the board's vice chair, said Esterly was a valued colleague.

"Larry's dedication to the university was beyond compare," Wang said. "He loved YSU. He reveled in its successes. His contributions will be felt across campus for years to come."

While a member of the board, Esterly was a strong advocate for the university's open access mission, as well as enhancing the university's academic quality.

"The board of trustees and the entire YSU community extend our sympathies to Larry's wife, Donna," Wang said.

A native of New Waterford in Columbiana County, Esterly first came to Youngstown University in 1957 as a freshman political science student. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the university in 1961. After earning a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University, Esterly joined the political science faculty at YSU. He served as chair of the Academic Senate, was the pre-law advisor in the political science department and the recipient of the Walter E. and Caroline H. Watson Foundation Distinguished Professor Award. He also was a member of the American Political Science Association.

"He had a close relationship with students," said William Binning, chair of the political science department. "He took the time to know their interests and abilities."

Esterly retired from YSU in 1992 after nearly 30 years of service, at which time he was given the title professor emeritus. Five years later, Gov. George V. Voinovich appointed Esterly to a nine-year term on the YSU Board of Trustees. He was elected chair of the board in June 2004. His term as a trustee was to expire in May 2006.

Gov. Bob Taft will name Esterly's replacement.

Private services and interment will take place in New Waterford Cemetery in New Waterford, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Maag Library at YSU.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Warrick-Kummer Funeral Home in Columbiana. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.familycareservices.com.