

Frank Reed, Long-Time Teacher, Dies

Frank M. Reed Jr., 78, who died Saturday at his retirement home in Florida, used to joke that he had corrected 170,000 student papers during a 31-year career of teaching English at the old Ann Arbor High School.

When he retired in 1965 Reed said he had always "... held the kids up to perfection. . . asked more of them than I knew they could give. . ."

But most of all Reed, as a teacher and counselor, urged his students to mature and grow, to become young men and women of whom their school and community could be proud. To illustrate his point he repeated his favorite saying many times: "It's time to get out of the sandbox."

That his students had a genuine affection for their teacher is seen in an incident he laughed at upon retirement. He said when he entered his classroom one day he found on his desk a half-filled pail of sand with a small shovel in it. An attached note read: "Since you haven't been able to get us out, won't you join us?"

He served as a member of the Ann Arbor City Council from the Third Ward for eight years and was chairman of the Council's finance committee. He was active in local Republican party activities for many years.

Born in Zanesville, Ohio, Reed held bachelor's and master degrees in education from the University of Michigan. He moved to Florida with his wife, the former Frances Barton, in 1970. Also surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Ken (Patricia) Tootelli, and four grandchildren, all of Ann Arbor.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Muehlig Chapel with the Rev. Sidney Rood officiating. Burial will be in Washtenong Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Fund.

Obituaries

Reed, Frank M. Jr.
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Formerly of Ann Arbor—

Age 78, passed away Saturday, May 21, 1977, at the Plant Hospital in Clearwater, Fla., after a brief illness. Born May 13, 1899, in Zanesville, Ohio, he was the son of Frank M. and Verna Graham Reed. On August 6, 1924, he married Frances M. Barton in Ellwood, Penn. Mr. Reed had been an English teacher in an Ann Arbor high school for 31 years, retiring in 1965 and previously teaching, for several years, at U of M, moving to Florida in 1970. Mr. Reed was a member of St. Lukes Episcopal Church of Ypsilanti, a life member of BPOE, No. 325; a member of the Ann Arbor City Council for eight years and a member of the Lions Club. Survivors include: his wife, Frances; one daughter, Mrs. Ken (Patricia) Tootell; four grandchildren, Kathleen Susan, Pamela Lynn, James Barton and Jennifer Robin, all of Ann Arbor. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m., from the Muehlig Chapel with the Rev. Sidney S. Rood officiating. Burial will take place in Washtenong Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Fund. Family will receive friends at the Muehlig Chapel, from 7-9 Tuesday evening.

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