



Dick Gousha

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Dick was born and raised in Baltimore, MD. He attended Heidelberg College in Ohio, interrupting his studies for 36 months in the Infantry in WWII, including 11 months in Europe. He returned to get his BS in history in 1947. He started teaching high school in a small Ohio town while pursuing his MA in education at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland. After one year of teaching, he was hired as Superintendent of Schools in a small Ohio town, and for 25 years he headed various school districts.

Dick went to Indiana University for his PhD in educational administration, then served as state Superintendent of Schools for Delaware for three years, then to Milwaukee, WI. as Superintendent for seven years. At that point he was called back to Indiana University as Dean of Education. In 1994 he became dean emeritus after 20 years on the faculty.

He met his wife, Catherine, who was a speech pathologist, on his first teaching job. They had two children and two grandchildren. His daughter and grandkids live nearby in Saratoga; his son Michael is a news anchorman for a Milwaukee TV station. Dick and his wife lived in a retirement community in Indianapolis for seven years before she died in 2002.

Dick has had many great trips and adventures going to educational seminars all over the world. Some that stand out are Pakistan, Singapore, Vietnam and Croatia; he particularly remembers a jeep trip across Panama. His hobbies are wood carving -- canes and whimsical figures - and also restoring vintage cars. He currently has a 1970 Oldsmobile Cutlass, and a 1987 300Z Nissan sports car.