



Howard Earl Spanogle

March 13, 1937 - June 4, 2022

Howard Earl Spanogle, 85, of Asheville, North Carolina, died on June 4, 2022, after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife of 63 years and 10 months, Juanita Grace Long Spanogle. They had lived in Asheville since 1993. Howard was a nationally recognized high school journalism teacher and student newspaper adviser, first at Glenbard East High School in Lombard outside Chicago, and later at Highland Park High School near Dallas. In addition to his many other awards and recognitions, he received the Carl Towley Award in 1993 from the national Journalism Education Association (JEA) — its highest honor. Howard was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, to William Earl Spanogle and Ruth Woleslagle. The younger of two sons, he was always interested in newspapers. He delivered them for the local daily — the Altoona Mirror — and was a member of the Altoona High School newspaper staff. He attended Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee, where he worked on the yearbook, and then enrolled at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, where he earned a pair of master's degrees. While finishing his master's degree in teaching at Duke University, Howard taught English at Jordan High School, where he asked the principal to be assigned to advise *The Falcon Post*, the school's newspaper. This began an association with scholastic journalism that would last a lifetime. He taught at Glenbard East for 27 years and built one of the nation's most successful student newspaper programs. He was a fierce advocate for freedom of expression for students, and he demanded the highest levels of professionalism from the members of The

Echo staff. Under Howard's direction, student journalists at the Echo won more than 100 state and national awards, including the prestigious Pacemaker award from the National Scholastic Press Association three times and the Gold Crown award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association eight times. He served on countless boards and committees and chaired a blue-ribbon panel that examined the current state of and probable future of scholastic journalism in the U.S. Howard also advised a landmark three-volume set of books about the lives of teenagers, titled *Teenagers Themselves*. Each book consisted of comments garnered from U.S. teens coast to coast about their common concerns regarding sensitive and controversial topics such as sexual identity and activity, addiction, stress, depression, suicide, and the search for meaning in a complex world. After retiring from Glenbard East, Howard and Juanita moved to Asheville, but Howard taught journalism and English for two more years at Highland Park High School in Dallas. Back in Asheville, he applied his substantial scholastic journalism knowledge to editing JEA's magazine and judging newspapers, and writing contests for other state and national scholastic journalism organizations. In addition to Juanita, his other survivors include the many students for whom he served as a teacher, mentor, or father figure, as well as sister-in-law Sarah Irene Spanogle, née Holloway — the wife of his deceased brother, Duane Richard Spanogle — and their children, Stephen, Suzanne, Sheryl, and Sylvia. Also, sister-in-law Marilyn Ruth and her husband, Robert D., as well as their daughters, Wendy and Heidi. Howard will be buried in the family plot in Altoona.

Tribute Wall



“ *Howard Earl Spanogle*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *My tribute to Howard.*
<https://bobbyhawthorne.blogspot.com>



Bobby Hawthorne - June 12, 2022 at 07:33 PM



“ *I met Howard years ago through the medical community. What an intelligent, kind and funny man. We shared many stories of life. He sometimes brought me his famous strawberry jam he and Juanita made from scratch! He will be missed by all who knew him.*

Linda Reed - June 11, 2022 at 07:50 AM

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“ TO THE FAMILY OF HOWARD E. SPANOGLE: JUST WANTED TO SEND YOU ALL THIS SHORT NOTE TO LET YOU ALL KNOW THAT YOU ALL ARE IN MY THOUGHTS & IN MY PRAYERS EVERY DAY & ESPECIALLY AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL ALWAYS & KEEP YOU ALL IN HIS LOVING CARE AS A MEMBER PF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ASHEVILLE I HAVE KNOWN BOTH HOWARD & HIS WIFE FOR MANY YEARS.

LOVE IN CHRIST,

JEAN SHEAROUSE

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