

Dr. Elton S. Carter

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Dr. Elton S. Carter, professor emeritus in the communications department at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, died on October 13, 1997, after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 78.

Dr. Carter was a member of the Institute of General Semantics, the International Society for General Semantics, the Speech Communication Association, the International Communication Association, and Phi Beta Kappa.

He served on the editorial board of the *General Semantics Bulletin* and wrote numerous articles, including "Collected Papers on Keyser-Korzybski-Polya", a special supplement in GSB 38/39/40, published in 1973; "Developing an Educational-Heuristic Orientation in the Evolution of 'General Semantics'", in GSB 41/42/43, published in 1976 (a panel paper for the 1973 Alfred Korzybski Memorial Meetings); and (with Robert L. Richey), "Modern Heuristic in Historical Perspective with Implications for Research Pedagogy", in GSB 28/29, in 1961-62.

He was also the author of two books, *The Speech Designer's Handbook*, and (with Iline Fife) *Learning Your Way Through College*. Dr. Carter received his bachelor's degree from the University of Maine in 1941. After serving in the U.S. Army from 1943-46 he received a master's degree from Indiana State Teacher's College in 1947 and a Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 1950.

He was an instructor at Indiana State from 1946-47 and an associate professor of speech at Penn State University from 1950-63 before joining HRB-Singer Inc. as director of professional development. In 1966 he was named dean of the Graduate College at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, a position he held until 1975. He continued as a professor in the communications department at UNO until his retirement in 1989.

Dr. Carter is survived by his wife, Miriam; his daughter, Sandra Carter; his son, Stanley; a brother, Winston; and a sister, Marcia Cooney.

Memorials can be sent to the Elton S. Carter Master's Thesis Award, at the University of Nebraska Foundation, 8712 W. Dodge Road, Ste 402, Omaha, NE 68114.