

OBITUARY

The following obituary was provided by Steve Brooks' wife, Krail Brooks.

STEVENS E. BROOKS, EDUCATOR

Stevens Edward Brooks, 68, died on June 3, 2010 of complications related to pulmonary embolisms.

He grew up in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania and attended the William Penn Charter School, the University of Pennsylvania, and Goddard College.

Mr. Brooks was the Executive Director of the Philadelphia Center, an internship program that brings students from the Midwestern colleges to work and study in Philadelphia. He retired in 2007 after 39 years. When the program began in 1967, the notion of experiential education and internships for college students was radical. The Philadelphia Center, under his leadership, was instrumental in bringing internships for college students into the mainstream. Interested in experiential education nationally and globally, Mr. Brooks was an associate of the London-based Learning From Experience Trust.

He was a founding member of the Council for Adult Experiential Education and the Council of University Institutes for Urban Affairs. He also received the Pioneer Award from The National Society for Experiential Education. Widely recognized as an expert in experiential education, Mr. Brooks edited the book *Enriching the Liberal Arts Through Experiential Education*. Since 2008, he was a board member of the Spears Center for Servant-Leadership of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Prior to this, he taught at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Antioch-Putney Graduate School, and the William Penn Charter School.

His wife Krail and son Reed survive him.

A celebration of his life will take place June 15 at Valley Green Inn.

Memorial contributions can be made to an educational program or charity of the donor's choice or to Friends of the Wissahickon, 8708 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118.