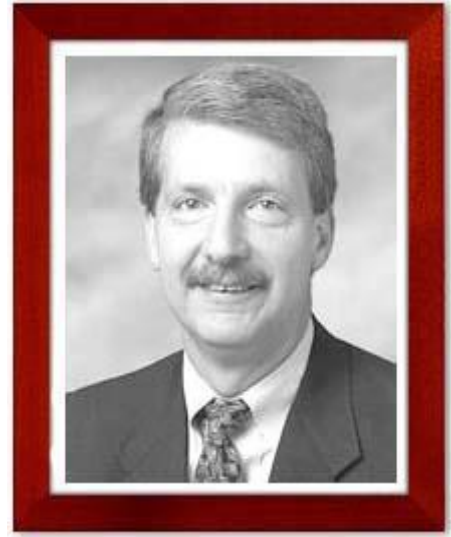


Former Agricultural Economics Faculty

STEVEN P. ERICKSON (1949-1997)

Professor Steve Erickson was a dedicated teacher, advisor, and friend of Purdue students. He joined the department in 1976 after completing his B.S. and M.S. in Agricultural Economics at Purdue and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. He served the department from 1976 to 1996 in a number of capacities, including Assistant Department Head for Teaching.

He received many teaching and counseling awards, including the Outstanding Agriculturalist Award from Illinois State University (1976), Best Purdue Agricultural Economics Teacher (1979), Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher in the Purdue School of Agriculture (1983), Alpha Gamma Rho Outstanding Purdue Teacher (1979 and 1984), the American Agricultural Economic Association's Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award (1992), Outstanding Counselor in the School of Agriculture (1993), the Charles B. Murphy Outstanding Purdue Undergraduate Teacher (1995), and was posthumously elected a Founding Member of the Purdue Teaching Academy (1997).



Steve was a major contributor to the growth and development of the department's agribusiness management program during the 1970s-1990s. His work in financial management of agribusinesses and retail food merchandising was widely recognized. He was co-author of the popular text, *Agribusiness Management*, and the author of over 150 professional publications. He was a leader in developing computer applications for business and classroom training. In addition to consulting with many of the leading agribusiness management firms, he participated in numerous executive education programs and was a frequent speaker at food and agribusiness industry meetings.

Steve and his wife, Ginger, raised 2 children, Abbie and Cassie.