

Herbert W. Booth
1916 - 1982
PROFESSOR OF SPEECH COMMUNICATION, EMERITUS

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California State University, Fullerton From September 1, 1967 To July 1, 1978
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It's not so important that Herb Booth had one of the most resonant speaking voices of recent memory or that he was a co-author of one of the most complete textbooks on public speaking.

It's not so important that Herb served as president of the Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association; and after retiring from professional life served as president of California Speech Association.

It's not so important that the list of Herb's professional accomplishments could go on...

Rather, what is important is that Herb was an "actor." Not the kind of actor that reads a script--although he did that too and he loved the theatre--but he was an actor because he *acted* on life. Herb had a genius for friendship. While others had the impulse to test a friendship, Herb was being a friend.

Herb was a many-sided man. While some contemplated building a mountain cabin, Herb built one. While some might think of starting a summer stock theatre high in the Colorado mountains, Herb started one. While some might say that if they had it all to do over again, they'd use more gasoline or take more trips. Herb did.

Herb attacked life. Although his life was cut short, its quality was high; he knew what was important.

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