



## Dalton O Lancaster

October 1, 1934 - March 27, 2018

Dalton O. Lancaster of Bloomington, Indiana died March 27, 2018. He was born October 1, 1934, in Rosedale, Oklahoma to Walter Cagle Lancaster and Dessie Poff Lancaster. He was their only child born in Oklahoma; his 9 brothers and sisters were born in Mountain View, Arkansas. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and four sisters. He is survived by two sisters, Catherine Peery, Mexico, Missouri and Geneva Watkins, San Antonio, Texas, many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Dalton graduated from Mountain View High School as class valedictorian in 1952. He received a Bachelor of Journalism from the University of Missouri, 1956, a Master of Arts in drama from the University of Washington, Seattle, 1960, and was Ph.D. candidate in mass communication at Indiana University Bloomington. He served two years of active duty in the Signal Corps, U. S. Army Pictorial Center. He continued to serve on a reserve status until he was honorably discharged with the rank of captain in 1968.

Professionally, he pursued many interests as a journalist, producer of television commercials, film editor, contract motion picture writer-producer, teacher and professor. After receiving his bachelor's degree he worked in New York City for several years in advertising, assisting with the production of commercials for network radio and television. Additionally, he wrote on local, national and international events as a staff member of the New York Sunday Times Week in Review. He left New York City to pursue doctoral studies in mass communication at Indiana University Bloomington.

He taught as a faculty member at Indiana University, Bloomington, the University of Michigan, San Diego State University, Trinity University and the University of Maryland. Through the University of Colorado he taught in Moscow, Russia for one and a half years.

Upon retiring, he moved to Guadalajara, Mexico where he lived for more than 20 years. While there, he taught English to groups and individuals through Berlitz as well as taught a course in television directing for a higher education institution and served as a consultant in radio production. While living in Mexico he often went deep-sea fishing off the Southern

coast and was finally successful in catching and landing the often elusive blue marlin. A dedicated teacher, student and lover of the arts, he rarely missed an opportunity to travel, attend the opera, plays or musical performances.

Upon his request, no services were held. His ashes will be scattered in the Pacific Ocean approximately 30 miles off the Southern coast, his favorite fishing waters. Those who wish to remember Dalton may contribute to any of the following scholarships: the Eugene Sharp Scholarship, School of Journalism, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, the Donal Harrington Scholarship Fund, School of Drama, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, or the Richard D. Yoakam Scholarship Fund, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Dalton's family at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

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“ I had occasion to think of grad school today, and recalled with great fondness Dalton Lancaster (Lancuhster, he pronounced it). Dalton had a heart as big as Texas, and a voice as deep as his fishing waters. I found him an immensely caring and sensitive soul, expressive and straightforward in his thinking and feelings.

I was Dalton's student in the broadcast segment of U-M's Journalism Masters Program, a program that no longer exists, but that was a gem when run by Charles Eisendrath. I got off wrong with Dalton, gagging up a first assignment with some humor, but, like many academic relationships, that initial friction led to great understanding and mutual engagement thereafter. We even figured out a singing group that all would be baritone, in Dalton's singular voice -- The Daltones.

Fondest memories for DOL.

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