

## **Jerry Seeley Obituary**

Dr. Gerald R. Seeley, Indiana Section President 1997-1997, passed away on April 16, 2001 after a very short illness. Cause of death was cancer and he will be greatly missed by his many friends and members of the Indiana Section, ASCE. The District 9 Council sent flowers and the Indiana contributed \$300 in his name to the Valparaiso University College of Engineering Initiative. At the time of his death, he served the Indiana Section as a delegate to the District 9 Council, ASCE.

Dr. Seeley joined the Valparaiso University faculty in 1983, was named Brandt Professor of Engineering in 1998 and accepted appointment as Dean of the College of Engineering in 1999 following a national search. He served two appointments totaling five years as chair of the Department of Civil Engineering.

In addition to his teaching and administrative responsibilities, he served the University community in many ways. Most recently he devoted significant time in his role as chair of the Campus Planning and Space Allocation Committee. He also had served on numerous committees and ad hoc groups including the Budget Advisory Committee, the North Central Association Steering Committee, Faculty Senate, Honor Council and the University Level Strategic Planning Committee to name a few.

Among his many professional activities, he was a past president of the Indiana Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a past chairman of the Civil Engineering Division of the American Society for Engineering Education. He also was a former chair of the PEE Division of the Indiana Society of Professional Engineers and a past chair of the History of Science Committee of the Indiana Academy of Science. He was awarded an ASEE Centennial Certificate in 1993 and its George K. Wadlin Distinguished Service Award in 1997.

Prior to joining the VU faculty, he taught 10 years at Tri-State University in Angola, Indiana, serving his last five years there as Dean of the School of Engineering. Earlier, he was a development engineer with Honeywell Inc. and Union Carbide Corp. Once a professional baseball player in the Detroit Tigers minor league system, he was assistant baseball coach for two years while at Tri-State.

Dr. Seeley's parents, Raymond and Dolores Seeley of Wausau, Wisconsin, his wife, Barbara Woller Seeley, and sons, Marc and Kris, were at his bedside as Dr. Seeley's life on earth came to its conclusion.