



## **Dr. Maurice Dance, Professor Emeritus and Former Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Passed Away Sunday, January 10, 2016**

Dr. Maurice Dance, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Economics and former Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, passed away Sunday, January 10, 2016. He served as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs from 1969 to 1990. In May of 1990, he was appointed Acting President of CSU, Hayward (East Bay) and served in that capacity until July 1991 when he retired and entered the Faculty Early Retirement Program. He completed his time in FERP in 1993.

The family of Dr. Dance has provided the following obituary.

Maurice E. Dance, born January 14 1923, in Bismarck, ND, said his final goodbye to his wife, Anita and family on January 10, 2016. He was born in rural North Dakota; he enlisted in the US Army Air Corps and served as a meteorologist in World War II, in England, North Ireland, Cornwall, and France. After his final station in Seattle, he attended the U. of Washington where he completed his BA degree in Economics. He was working on his Ph.D. in Economics at U. of Wisconsin when he received an offer from Los Angeles State College, which he accepted. As the Cal State system expanded, he moved to San Fernando Valley campus where he was promoted to Dean. His skills as a wise administrator earned him an offer as Academic Vice President at Cal State Hayward where he served 22 years. He was known as an active listener, a thoughtful mentor, a peacemaker and someone who involved people of all traditions in the academic enterprise. His honesty and integrity earned him the respect of all. One high point was participating in collective bargaining for the CSU System; after teaching this topic he had a chance to practice it. After retirement in 1991, he continued to teach Economics and served as a discussion leader for Bible Study Fellowship for many years. He was an active gardener, backpacker, and cook. His faith in Christ gave him an abundant life and a sure hope of life everlasting.

He is survived by Anita Bell Dance, his beloved wife of more than 50 years who resides in Castro Valley, and nine children: Muriel Dance (Alvin Martin, Los Angeles), Maurice Cecil Dance (Teresa, Santa Rosa), Marcia Fisher (Robert, Phoenix), Mark Dance (San Antonio), Michelle Shipley (Norman, Sacramento), Michael Dance (Julie, Monterey), Myles Dance (Bridget, Austin), Jennifer Wanless (Kirk, Fresno), Kristina Dance (Dave Peterson, Menlo Park). He also has two sisters: Marian Barbie and Maureen Kershaw. He has been blessed with 29 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Maurice was predeceased by his first wife Margaret.

A memorial service was held at Menlo Church, 950 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park on Saturday, Jan. 16. In lieu of flowers, donations to International Justice Mission or Salvation Army are welcomed.