Lew Carey Sayers, Jr. '68

Lew Carey Sayers, Jr. died on October 4, 2011, at Mountain View College, in Dallas, Texas, where he spent the last 36 years teaching English, developmental writing and technical writing. He left a faculty basketball game to get a run in early before an afternoon meeting, and died of an apparent heart attack during his run. Lew graduated from Hillcrest High School in Dallas, and at Dartmouth was active with the Jack-o-Lantern for four years, and served as Athletic Chairman at Bones Gate. He served in the Army from 1969 to 1972, and then received a Master of Arts in Teaching at Reed College. He was devoted to mentoring students, not only at Mountain View College but also the Trinity River Mission in West Dallas. Lew was passionate about his work, often staying up until 4 in the morning grading papers. He was an avid sportsman, loving fishing, basketball and tennis with colleagues, friends and family. He was the Most Valuable Player on the faculty softball team. Lew's unbridled optimism, kind-hearted spirit, brilliant sense of humor, calm patience and enduring compassion made him a great teacher and treasured friend. He is survived by his loving wife Janis Gayle Sayers, sister Joanne Thyfault and brother Andy Sayers.