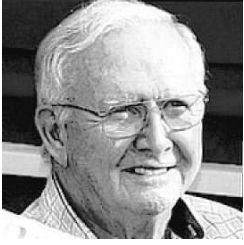

PATRICK F. AHERN

Patrick F. Ahern, an affable Irishman, with endless energy walked the 'walk of life' engaging people with lively conversation and promoting his commitment to education, service, and strong work ethics. He was raised in St. Justin Martyr Parish on the south side of Chicago, one of eight children. He attended Quigley North and Mundelein Seminary. He received his Masters and Doctorate Degree in Education from Loyola University. After his tour of duty in the army and serving in the [Korean conflict](#), his career as an educator began at the Healy School teaching 5th grade. He then moved on to be the Principal of Fernwood and Wacker Elementary schools. He was named principal of the Robert F. Lindblom Technical High School in 1968. He was the second longest serving principal in the schools ninety-year history. Dr. Ahern led at a critical time of change and was responsible for maintaining the school's excellent academic reputation

during changing demographics on the city's south side. Since the 1973-74 school year, Lindblom has been the leader in attendance and low drop out rate of the 64 Chicago Public High Schools with 1978 being the peak year. He was the role model for students, faculty, and staff demonstrating high moral standards, values, determination, discipline, and personal respect. After serving at Lindblom Technical High School for 15 years, Dr. Ahern was named District Superintendent and led the CPS High School Renaissance program. He remained in that role until his retirement in 1989. Patrick raised six children with his wife Rosemarie in Evergreen Park. He inspired his children and grandchildren to be academically oriented, emphasizing degrees in higher education. He died at the age of 83 on June 27, 2009 of natural causes and is survived by three siblings, his children, 30 grandchildren and two great- grandchildren.

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