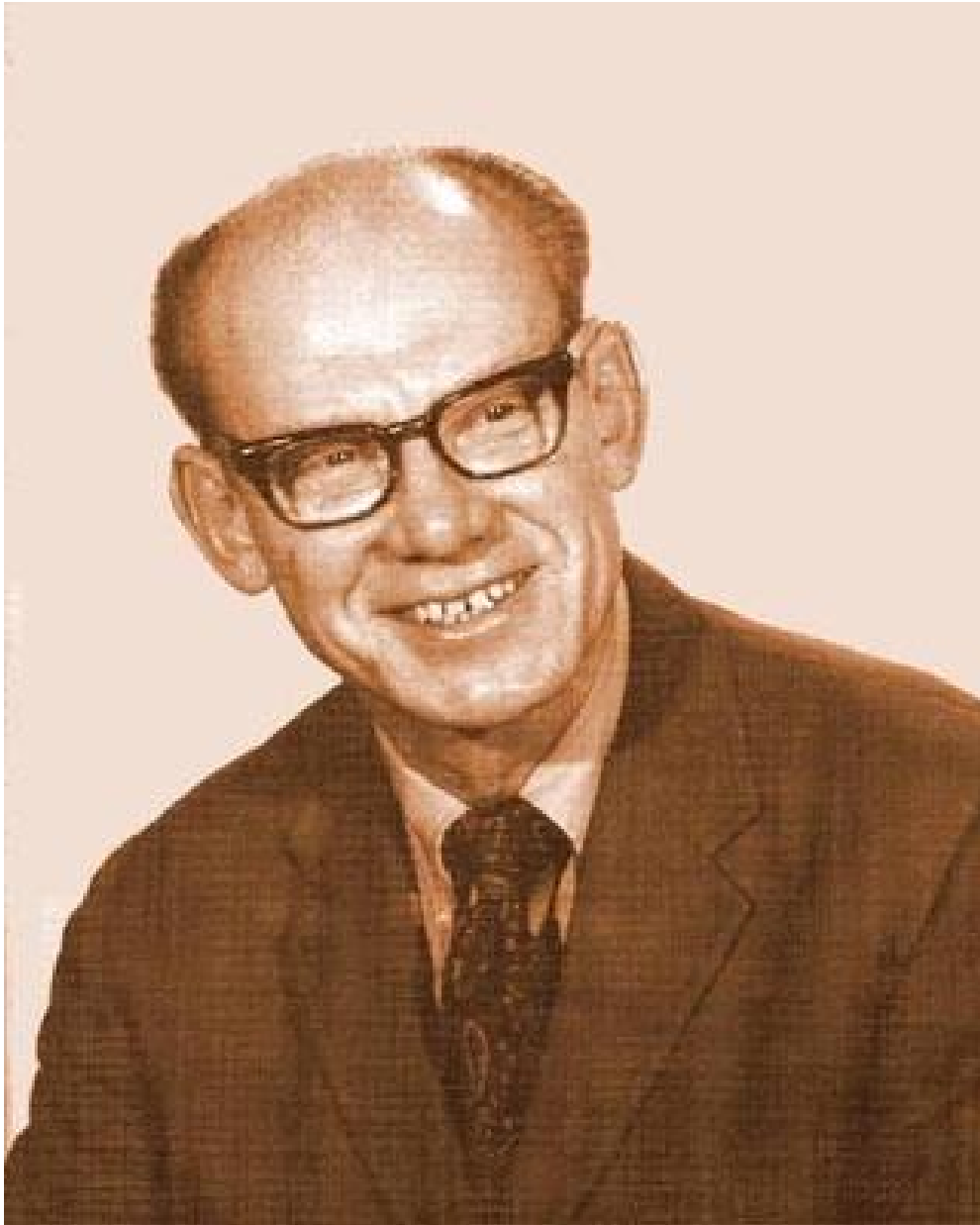


T/SGT Robert C. Marek

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Robert Marek

VERMILLION — Dr. Robert C. Marek, 80, Emeritus Professor of Music at the University of South Dakota, died Friday, Dec. 8, 1995, at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Robert Marek was born Jan. 20, 1915, in Oshkosh, Wis.

He married Leona Pratt on April 20, 1946, in Black River Falls, Wis.

He attended Kansas State College, where he received his music education degree in 1940. He received his master's degree in 1949 and his doctorate in 1958 from Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y.

He taught at various places before joining the faculty of USD in 1957. Besides teaching Music Theory, Counterpoint, Composition and Style Analysis, he served as the Acting Dean of Fine Arts and the Director of Admissions. He was also a member of a number of university committees.

Dr. Marek also collaborated with Dr. Wayne Knutson providing music for a series of musical dramas. His "Cantata for a Dedication," with text by Professor John Milton, was performed for the opening of USD's Warren Lee Center for the Fine Arts in 1974. The third movement was performed in 1976 at Washington, D.C.'s Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

In 1982 the South Dakota Board of Regents named Robert Marek an Emeritus Professor and then-President of USD, Charles Lien, recognized him for 25 years of service. In 1983 the South Dakota Music Educator's Association presented him with the Distinguished Service Award for 39 years of service to young people and music education.

He is survived by his wife, Leona, and two daughters, Mary and Jane.

T/Sgt. Robert C. Marek, 399 Wisconsin avenue, was with Company C of the 156th infantry and received the good conduct medal, ETO service ribbon with three bronze stars, victory medal, six overseas service bars and one service stripe. He entered service May 28, 1942.

S/Sgt. Robert Marek is stationed with the U. S. forces in Belgium supervising German prisoners of war. The prisoners are placed in positions where they are most needed, most of them are laborers, although some few have been used on skilled jobs with the German noncoms supervising work of privates. Sergeant Marek, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Marek, 399½ Wisconsin avenue.
