

Bob Karraker passed away on April 23, 2008. He was born in Jonesboro, IL on May 6, 1931. He received in B.S. degree at SIU-Carbondale, served in the Korean Conflict and obtained his Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry from Iowa State University. He married Shirley Keller in 1952 and was the father of two children, Jan Karraker and Valerie Karraker-Bartner. He taught at Memphis State University prior to coming to Eastern in 1967. He spent a sabbatical at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Crane, IN. He taught inorganic and nuclear chemistry until his retirement in 1994. Following his retirement he established the Robert H. Karraker Scholarship Fund for chemistry majors.