John M. Stalnaker

(1903–1990)

JOHN M. STALNAKER, President Emeritus of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), died August 19, 1990, at his home in Sarasota, Florida. He was 87 years of age.

Mr. Stalnaker was one of the six persons who founded the Psychometric Society in 1935. He had a lifelong interest in the identification and education of academically able students and much of his professional career was focused on psychological measurement and research.

Mr. Stalnaker was founding president and a director of National Merit Scholarship Corporation from its establishment in 1955 until June 30, 1969, when he became president emeritus. Prior to his work for NMSC he had several administrative positions that were influential in the educational applications of testing, notably at the University of Chicago Board of Examiners, the College Entrance Examination Board, the Board of Foreign Scholarships (Fulbright), and the World War II National Research Council. He also had faculty or academic administrative positions at several institutions, including Chicago, Princeton, Stanford, and the Illinois Institute of Technology.

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