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by Marcel Bright

Earl Boyd, professor of music at Eastern for 30 years, who died Thursday of cancer, will always be remembered as "Mr. Music," members of the music department said Sunday.

Harold Hillyer of the Music Department said Sunday Boyd was referred to as "Mr. Music" because "he had done everything for Eastern's Music Department."

Hillyer said Boyd had served the Music Department in many different areas.

"He's served as our acting chairman, our instrumental department chairman and chairman of the graduate department," Hillyer said.

"He wrote Eastern loyalty (school song) in 1950, he had been director of the orchestra and a member of the faculty woodwind quintet," Hillyer said.

"There was nobody in the state (in the field of music education) who didn't know him," Hillyer added.

Hillyer added that Boyd had served as a judge in music competition "in just about all the midwestern states."

John Lane, a member of the department for almost four years, said Boyd was an inspiration to him and other members of the Music Department.

"He started it here," Lane said. "He was like the inspiration of

the entire Music Department. When you look back at the beginning you see Dr. Boyd."

"He was inspirational for me being the youngest member looking at the oldest," Lane said.

Funeral services for Boyd will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the First Presbyterian church, the Rev. John Dobson officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery of Mattoon.

Boyd, who joined the Eastern music staff in 1947, held the bachelor of music and master of arts from the University of Wisconsin. He held a Ph. D. from the University of Iowa.

Before he came to Eastern he was band and orchestra director at Wisconsin State College (Whitewater). Prior to that he was band and orchestra director at a high school in Edgerton, Wis.

Boyd was formerly the concertmaster of the University of Wisconsin concert band and played with the University of Wisconsin symphony orchestra and with the Madison Wis. Civic Symphony.

He also played with the University of Iowa symphony orchestra and Eastern's orchestra.

Boyd was born Oct. 1, 1918 in Manitowac, Wis., the son of Edwin and Freeda Boyd. He was married to Muriel Culham in 1941 in Stoughton, Wis.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, three sisters, four brothers and five grandchildren.