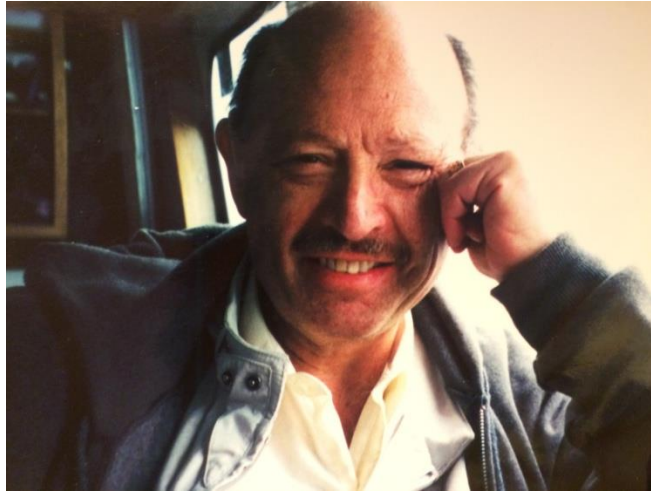


In memory of Allen E. Sussman



Dr. Allen E. Sussman passed away last Friday, January 8, 2016. He was born in 1933 to deaf parents, and was raised in Brooklyn. In 1947, he graduated from J.H.S. 47 School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and then attended New York School for the Deaf (Fanwood) briefly. He then graduated from Gallaudet College in 1955.

After a brief stint as an athletics coach at Ohio School for the Deaf, he obtained his master's degree in 1967 and then his doctorate in 1973, both from New York University. His professional career includes serving as an adjunct assistant professor in psychology at NYU, the director of a community mental health center for the deaf in Brooklyn, a professor of counseling at Gallaudet University and a licensed psychologist. He also served as director of Gallaudet's counseling center, and then the Dean of Student Affairs. He retired from Gallaudet and private practice in 2002. He has been published extensively, and presented papers and conducted training seminars and workshops nationally and internationally. Allen was awarded Hall of Fame Award by the "47" Alumni association of the Deaf in recognition and appreciation of his extraordinary leadership to the Deaf Community. In addition to deaf community activities, he served as the vice-chair of the successful Deaf Seniors of America (DSA) conference, in Baltimore, Maryland in August, 2013. More recently, he served as a board member of Maryland Deaf Senior Citizens, Inc, (MDSC) where he was responsible for leading the Town Hall meeting to develop future plans for MDSC as well as develop cultural and educational activities for its monthly MDSC events.

A celebration of Allen's life will be held this Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 2:00 pm at his Bethany Community Church (15720 Riding Stable Road, Laurel, Maryland 20707). He is survived by his wife Claudia, his three children, Juniper Sussman (and her daughter Mariasha), Jeff Sussman (and his wife Debbie), and Vicki Sussman (and her daughters Carlee and Kai) and his stepdaughter Caryn Sachs (and her children Marlowe and Norlan). The family requests that contributions be made to the Allen E. Sussman, '55, Counseling Scholarship Fund in care of the Office of Development, Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Ave, NE. Washington, D.C. 20002) or click <https://giving.gallaudet.edu/sussman> for online donations) or to Bethany Community Church.