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### **In Memory of Roger M. Falberg 1928 – 2003**

It is with sadness that the editors have learned of the death of Roger Falberg on September 29, 2003. Roger was a founding member of ADARA and JADARA's first editor when it was called the *Journal of the Professional Rehabilitation Workers of the Adult Deaf*. He will be missed in our field.

Mr. Falberg was born in 1928 in Racine, WI and became deaf in his early teens from an illness. He attended Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. and later did graduate studies at Wichita State University in Kansas. In 1959 he founded the first Deaf Community Center in the United States, and in 1963 authored *The Language of Silence*, one of the first text books on American Sign Language. He was a founding member of the Professional Rehabilitation Workers of Adult Deaf (PRWAD), its first journal editor, and wrote the original by-laws. PRWAD later became the American Deafness and Rehabilitation Association (ADARA). Mr. Falberg also was active in the early days of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) and co-authored the first RID Code of Ethics.

He moved to Seattle in 1970 to become director of the Deaf Adult Services program at the Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center and also worked as practicing psychologist. He was a founding member of Seattle's Community Service Center for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, and was active on a number of community boards in the area. Considered a national expert in the field of psychological testing of people who are deaf, Mr. Falberg often served in consulting roles in deaf-related programs around the country and made important contributions in the field of mental health and rehabilitation