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Stephen G. Pleasnick

We are saddened to report that Stephen G. Pleasnick passed away on Friday, January 26, 2024. Steve served as Superintendent for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities from 1973 to 1999, positively impacting thousands of individuals and their families.

In addition to his Superintendency for Franklin County, Steve was instrumental in establishing the Ohio Special Olympics, serving on the Board for many years beginning in the 1970s. Steve was also one of the founders of the Ohio Association of County Boards of DD, an organization that now represents and supports all County Boards in the state.

Recently retired Superintendent/CEO Jed Morison said that "Steve provided outstanding and thoughtful leadership during some very challenging times. Among other initiatives, Steve provided the lead on building new facilities, assisting with expansion of Medicaid funding, supporting the establishment of Creative Housing and piloting Case Management Services, which were later transferred from the state to county boards. Steve was smart, gutsy, well respected throughout Ohio and he had a great sense of humor. He surely will be missed."

Steve is survived by his wife, Robin and his four children and seven grandchildren. He and Robin have been living in South Carolina.

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