

## Alfred State College Centennial

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Dates Employed: 1950 - 1980 (I think!)

Memories:

I remember my first class - 19 veterans of World War II and one non-veteran, a son of a florist in Rochester.

I also remember the spirited discussions these older students provoked. Nothing went "by the board". Any statement I made might have to be defended. What a change from when I retired.

How can I forget the trips I made with my students who performed at Flower Shows and florists' meetings. They made me proud.

In the later years of my teaching we were on a separate campus and in many respects isolated from the general activities - But in a special way I think that made us closer than ever. This affinity is reflected in the way my department students held together. There still is a group who meet annually to continue enjoying the affinity developed at Alfred.