
In Memoriam

Thomas Valentine Busse (1941–1986)

Thomas V. Busse was born in Covington, Kentucky, of February 14, 1941. His higher education consisted of an A.B. from Thomas More College, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky; an A.M. from Loyola University of Chicago in 1963; and a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Chicago in 1967.

Dr. Busse began his career as a high school mathematics teacher in Chicago in 1962, going to the Institute for Juvenile Research in 1964. In 1967 he joined the Department of Educational Psychology at Temple University. There he held a number of positions and advanced to the rank of professor. At the time of his death, he was Director of Teacher Education at Temple.

Busse's scholarly work comprises six books and monographs and thirty-five articles. One book, *The Professor's Book of First Names* (Green Ball Press, 1964), integrates a number of his studies. His research, especially on first names and nicknames, tested popular assumptions on popularity, nicknames, and naming practices and remains a valuable contribution to our knowledge. One of his articles, "Nickname Usage in an American High School," was published in *Names* in 1983. Dr. Busse died in a fall from a ladder at his home on May 12, 1986.

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