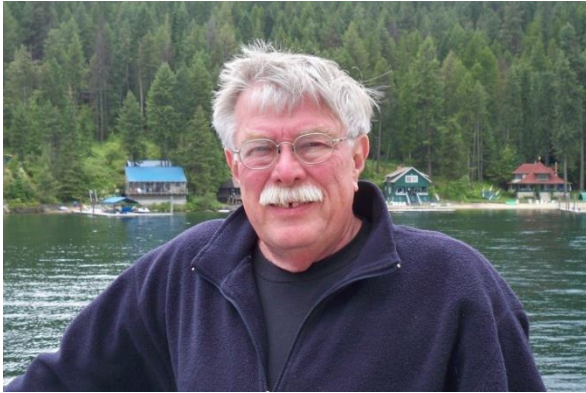


Tom Roach



Tommy Lee Roach was born June 6, 1941 in Winchester, Kansas to Byron and Virginia (Powers) Roach. He graduated from Chickasha High School in 1959. Mr. Roach continued his education at Oklahoma State University receiving a Bachelor's of Science in 1965. In 1972, he received a Master's Degree in International Administration at the School for International Training.

Tom Roach served more than forty five years designing, managing, implementing and evaluating international and domestic, social and economic development and relief programs. Programs and activities included: transitional housing for homeless, rural and community development, women in development, medical, health and family planning, water and sanitation, credit and small enterprise development, self-help housing, agriculture and small animal husbandry, relief and disaster response, and human resource development. Tom was employed by government, private non-profit, church, social service and international development agencies working in the United States, India, Bangladesh, Western Samoa, East and Southern Africa, and Central and Eastern Europe.

The details of his service are as follow: From 1972 to 1978, Mr. Roach was the Deputy Country Director and Program Coordinator for CARE with overall management responsibility for \$5.7 million in programs for community development, rural water supply, self-help housing, and construction. From 1978 to 1980, he had numerous consulting assignments usually on a project basis which engaged private and government organizations to identify, develop, and evaluate projects and volunteer programs involving agriculture, rural development, small enterprise development, and appropriate technologies. From 1980 to 1982, he was the Director of Office of the Multilateral Program for the Peace Corps with responsibility for formulating policy and establishing effective relationships with other international organization. He served as the coordinator of refugee affairs and principal negotiator for agency agreements with the United Nations. From 1987 to 1988, Tom was the Development Associate for Lutheran World Relief with responsibility for monitoring and impacting the legislative process concerning U.S. foreign assistance. From 1988 to 1991, Mr. Roach was the Program Coordinator in Africa and the Near East for the AID funded Family Planning Project of The Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA) with responsibility for management of programs in the region and development of new programs through CEDPA alumni network. 1991 to 1992 saw Mr. Roach as Director of Health Resources and Planning for International Medical Resources for Health (INMED) with responsibility for management of a global program to deliver services and materials to assist nonprofit organizations to improve delivery of health care services to people in Asia, Africa and Latin America. From 1993 to 1995, Tom was the Regional Director in Central and Eastern Europe for Project HOPE with responsibility for planning, directing, organizing, and managing of a multifaceted health education and humanitarian assistance program serving the emerging democracies in the region. In 1995, Mr. Roach

returned to the United States as the director of Transitional Housing Corporation with responsibility for all aspects of the organization including administration, development and fund raising and supervising the staff of a transitional housing program for homeless families in Washington D.C. In 1999, he returned to Oklahoma as Director of East Main Place, a transitional housing program for homeless families and individuals in Norman, OK, with responsibility for administration, development and fund raising and supervising staff. He transformed a facility that was facing closure by securing funds and community support to establish a model program of transitional housing for homeless in the region. In 2003, Tom was once again called to work in Tanzania and Rwanda until 2008. During that time, he was the Co-Regional Representative for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America with responsibility for facilitating the group's relationship between headquarters and the church in Tanzania and Rwanda.

In 2008, Thomas Roach retired from active assignment and spends his time volunteering at his church and in his community. Tom credits his community and family for all they provided during his formative years to his life-time commitment of service to global and local communities.

Tom Roach was inducted into the Chickasha High School Hall of Fame in 1987.