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Dr. Gordon E. Peterson died of leukemia on July 29, 1967, in Santa Barbara, Calif. He was born in Danville, Ill., on October 14, 1913. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics from DePauw University in 1935, where he was a Rector Scholar. He received his Master's Degree in 1937 and his Ph.D. in Speech and Electrical Engineering in 1939 from Louisiana State University.

From 1939 to 1943 Dr. Peterson was Director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic at Ball State Teachers College. For the next two years he was a Research Fellow in the Psychoacoustic Laboratory at Harvard University and in 1946 he became a member of the Technical Staff of the Bell Telephone Laboratories.

In 1953 Dr. Peterson joined the faculty at the University of Michigan where he became Professor of Speech, Communication Sciences, and Electrical Engineering. At the University of Michigan he was Director of the Communications Sciences Laboratory and Chairman of the Graduate Program in Communication Sciences.

In 1966 Dr. Peterson established the Speech Communications Research Laboratory, a non-profit corporation devoted to basic scientific research on human communication processes. He was Director of the Laboratory until the time of his death.

Dr. Peterson was the author of over 75 journal articles, most of which are concerned with the technical aspects of speech. He was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Association for Computing Machinery, the Audio Engineering Society, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and the Linguistic Society of America. He was a Fellow of the Acoustical Society of America of which he was Vice-President during the past year, and was a Fellow of the American Speech and Hearing Association, of which he was Vice-President in 1954 and received the Honors of the Association in 1961.

Dr. Peterson has been a member of the Permanent Council for the International Congress of Phonetic Sciences. He was Editor of the *Journal of Speech and Hearing Disorders* from 1955 to 1957 and has served as an Associate Editor of *Phonetica* since 1959.

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