



DR. J. BURTON VASCHE  
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# Dr. Vasche Dies

Dr. J. Burton Vasche, widely known state educator and former member of the Board of Governors of the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, died yesterday in a Turlock hospital. He was 51.

Dr. Vasche was president of Stanislaus State College and former assistant director of the State Department of Education.

He recently announced his planned retirement.

The widely known educator had devoted 32 years to public education. Dr. Glenn Dunke, president of the California state college system, messaged these condolences:

"I am deeply grieved to learn of the passing of Dr. J. Burton Vasche. His contribution to higher education, not only at Stanislaus

State College but throughout California and the nation, has been outstanding. The effects of his leadership will continue to exert a strong influence upon education in the future."

Dr. Vasche, before coming to California, served as director of publications and later as deputy state superintendent of education in Washington, and in Colorado as commissioner of education.

In 1952, he joined the California Department of Education as chief of the division of state colleges and teacher education. He was appointed president of Stanislaus State College in May 1960.

He leaves his widow, Gertrude, and five children; daughters Mrs. Lenore Batiste, Roseville, and Joan Vasche, a teacher at Riverside; and three sons, Joseph Burton II, David and Mark, of Turlock, and his mother, Mrs. Alfreda Ballard, Modesto.

Services will be conducted here Thursday at the First Methodist Church.