

Parks memorial service on Friday

A memorial service for Z. Dean Parks will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, in the Grossmont College Quad.

Parks died suddenly at age 58 on Sunday, Oct. 3, while vacationing with his wife, Margo, in Italy. He was stricken at a Florence hotel shortly after he and his wife had finished lunch. Authorities said the fatal seizure was related to an existing heart condition.

At the time of his death, Parks was vice president of the Grossmont Cuyamaca Community College Governing Board. He was elected to Seat 4 of the board in elections last November.

"His dream was to be a board member," said board President Rochelle Bastien at a subdued Oct. 5 board meeting. "His contributions to the district were obvious, his dedication, hard work on energy."

Parks began his association with the Grossmont College community in 1964, when he was hired as an English instructor. He cre-

ated the campus Reading lab and was its director for 25 years. He retired from teaching in 1990 with the title Professor Emeritus.

While on the Governing Board, Parks was also an officer of the East County Performing Arts Center Foundation, a member of the East County Performing Arts Advisory Board, and on the Heritage of the Americas Museum Foundation Board of Directors.

Last spring, Parks was inducted into the Redlands College Football Hall of Fame. He played on the undefeated 1956 Redlands squad.

Parks is survived by his wife of 26 years, Margo, a daughter, Valerie, of Portland, Ore.; and a sister, Noretta Stewart, of Healdton, Okla. The board announced that a Dean Parks Scholarship Fund is being created.

The board at a special meeting last night was scheduled to discuss the board vacancy created by Parks' death. The Oct. 19 board meeting has been cancelled.