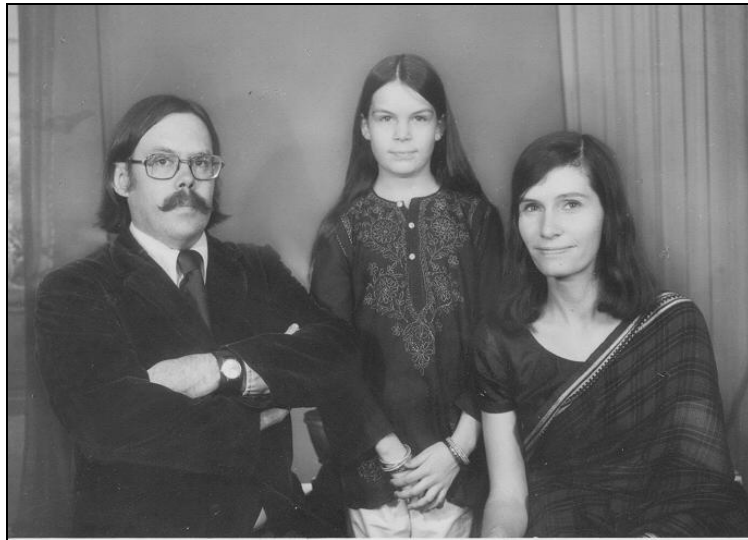


In Memory of Terry Alliband , India 34 Volunteer and International Rural Development Specialist--Died June 15, 1996. (This posting dated 3 August 2011)



The Alliband Family in Ahmednagar, 1980

A native of Iowa, Terry Alliband was an international rural development specialist who began his career as a Peace Corps volunteer in India. He entered the Peace Corps after receiving a bachelor's degree in English at the University of Iowa in 1966. He and his wife Ruth were invited to a community development program based in Uttar Pradesh, India. They served for two years in a farming village near Chirgaon, Jhansi District, UP. Upon returning from the Peace Corps, Terry entered the graduate program in anthropology at the University of Iowa in 1969, and received his doctorate in cultural anthropology in 1974. While in Iowa City, his daughter Savanna Selene was born to Terry and his wife Ruth. From 1975 to 1982 Terry had a faculty appointment as an assistant professor of community development at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

While teaching there he directed a research program sponsored by the Illinois Historical Society. He and his research team surveyed Southern Illinois, searching for living practitioners of folk art who had learned their skill via intergenerational technology transfer.

Terry received a faculty development grant from the American Institute of Indian Studies in 1979. He and his family established their base at the Center For Studies of Rural Development, Ahmednagar College, Maharashtra, India from September 1979 through August 1980. While there, Terry traveled widely in Western and Southern India doing intensive study of non-governmental organizations as development agents. His findings were later published as *Catalysts of Development*, Kumarian Press, 1983.

Terry came to Minnesota in 1982 taught urban studies classes at St. Cloud State University for one year. The family then relocated to the Twin Cities. In 1983-84, he held a six-month grant with the U.S. Agency for International Development studying NGOs in Africa and Latin America. In the last twelve years of his life, Terry worked as a technical writer at several Twin Cities' software companies, including Control Data, and enjoyed developing his craft as a writer of fiction.

Terry Alliband passed away on June 15, 1996 at the age of 52 following a 3-month struggle with pancreatic cancer.