MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS JOSIAH S. DILLEY

Josiah S. Dilley began his association with the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1963 and ended it with his retirement in 1993 as a professor emeritus in the Department of Counseling Psychology. In addition to his academic career, he also served as an assistant dean in the School of Education’s Academic Services.

Following a stint in the U.S. Army as an X-ray technician on the hospital ship HOPE during WWII, Joe completed a bachelor’s degree in 1949 in music education from Ohio University. His master’s and PhD in counseling psychology were conferred by the University of Minnesota.

Joe Dilley was the heart of the Department of Counseling Psychology. He was not only an academic mentor, but also a role model of positive collegial and student relationships. His academic accomplishments, including articles and chapters in prestigious educational and psychological journals (e.g., Review of Educational Research, Journal of Counseling and Development) were augmented by research- and experience-based books in the “self-help” genre. As a reviewer of his most recent book, The Pause That Empowers, noted: “Using anecdotes, skill builders, dialogues, and concrete communication strategies described in clear, plain English, Dr. Dilley guides his readers through the roots of conflict and teaches them how to use language and listening to resolve even serious differences without tearing apart the underlying relationship.”

Joe was a solid citizen of the UW-Madison and Madison community. He served as department chair and as a member of several committees in the School of Education and the UW-Madison campus. He was also one of the creators of a hospital-based program for individuals with chronic or life-changing disease.

Joe took great delight in every aspect of living; he invested even mundane daily tasks with importance and meaning. For such a man, family was also a source of strength to be treasured. He is survived by his wife, Ingrid, of 34 years; five children, Beth, Grant, Karen, and Becca Dilley and Chris Rich; and eight grandchildren.

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