Memorial Resolution of the Faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison
On the Death of Professor Emerita Emily B. Campbell

Emily Bentley Campbell, Professor Emerita of the School of Nursing, an early innovator of advanced nursing practice, died in La Crosse, Wisconsin on May 24, 2020, at the age of 90. Emily was born in Hot Springs, Virginia. She was educated at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, Duke University and Boston College. She retired from the School of Nursing in 1992, after 28 years of service.

Professor Campbell was recruited to the School of Nursing and University Hospitals to develop the role of the clinical nurse specialist and later the role of the nurse practitioner. She supervised the development of an “experimental clinical unit” in the hospital to implement and test the unique role at UW-Madison. She pioneered the development of a Master’s program to prepare geriatric nurse practitioners. This was among the first programs in the country to offer this type of preparation at the Master’s level.

She continued research in the care of older adults and was awarded the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Teaching Nursing Home grant. This grant resulted in expanding the scope of care for older people in nursing homes and contributed to the development of a gerontology curriculum which has enhanced geriatric nursing care, nationally, and internationally.

Professor Campbell was an active member of the Institute on Aging and Adult Life. Her work brought national recognition and status to the School of Nursing and the University. She was highly regarded by the faculty and her students, who continue to influence the quality of care for older adults, particularly in long term care settings.

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