Memorial Resolution of the Faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison
On the Death of Professor Emerita Helen F. Marsh

Professor Emerita Helen F. Marsh, a revered nursing faculty colleague for 28 years, died in Madison, Wisconsin on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at the age of 95. Helen was born in Ontario, Canada and was a naturalized citizen of the United States. She was educated at the University of Western Ontario and received her Doctorate in Education with a focus on Guidance, and Student Personnel Administration from Teachers College, Columbia University. Prior to joining the University of Wisconsin School of Nursing faculty in 1964, she was the Education Director and Acting Superintendent of Nurses at Woodstock General Hospital in Woodstock, Canada and the Assistant Director of the Professional Counseling and Placement Service of the American Nurses Association in New York City.

Professor Marsh’s academic scholarship focused on facilitating educational opportunities for hospital diploma educated registered nurses. She was a pioneer in the now current academic trend to provide academic credit for prior experiential learning. She also developed the concept of a professional portfolio which documented student’s prior technical education and work experience. This portfolio provided the base for advance placement in the curriculum leading to a baccalaureate degree in nursing. Her numerous publications and presentations focused on expediting continued education of registered nurses and curricular flexibility.

Professor Marsh was a member of the American Association for Counseling and Development, and the Society for Research in Nursing Education. She received funding to support her work from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Division of Nursing. Professor Marsh also served as a liaison to UW System’s Extended Degree Program. There are innumerable professional nurses who are grateful to her for expediting their goal of receiving a baccalaureate degree in nursing.

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