

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

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITA JOAN E. MULLIGAN

Joan E. Mulligan, professor emerita of the School of Nursing died in Madison, Wisconsin January 31, 2002 at the age of 79. She was born November 25, 1922, in Canada. She began her education at Queen's University, Kingston, Canada, where she received a bachelor of arts degree. She moved to the United States to pursue her career in nursing, and became a citizen of the United States. In 1956, she entered Yale University and received an entry level master's degree in Nursing. Professor Mulligan subsequently received a Master's of Public Health Nursing from the University of California, San Francisco and a Master's of Public Health from the University of California, Berkeley. Professor Mulligan then attended Columbia University to obtain certification in midwifery.

She completed a Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She began her academic career at Wayne State University and continued it at the University of Michigan. In 1976, Dr. Mulligan was recruited to the faculty of the School of Nursing at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She taught and conducted research in the areas of community health and maternal and child nursing. Professor Mulligan was keenly interested in health policy issues related to women's health. She held a second appointment in the Women's Studies Program in the College of Letters and Science.

Professor Mulligan's scholarship in the area of public policy was considered original and highly significant for the health care of women. Her focus was on childbearing women and their families. In particular, she explored the socioeconomic context of high-risk pregnancy for women from rural families. Her findings filled a gap in our understanding of the hidden costs of pregnancy as experienced from the woman's perspective. Dr. Mulligan also addressed difficult issues of policy and social change of significance to the status of women in the nursing profession. At her retirement in 1989, Professor Mulligan was recognized by the state of Wisconsin for her work to promote health care for women, and in particular, for her role in the legalization of the practice of midwifery in the state.

Professor Mulligan's career touched many students and faculty colleagues, and she will be remembered for her intense dedication to the causes in which she believed.

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