

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

**ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS ROBERT GORDON HARVEY JR.**

Robert Gordon Harvey Jr., professor emeritus, Department of Agronomy, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, died on June 3, 2001 at the age of 55.

Born December 10, 1945, Gordon Harvey was raised in Upland, California. During his early childhood, his family moved their farming operation to Connell, Washington. Harvey earned his B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in agronomy (weed science) from Washington State University in 1967 and 1970 respectively. He joined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, as a weed scientist in the Department of Agronomy in 1970. His thirty-one year research and teaching career in weed management was focused on the needs of the Wisconsin agricultural community. However, his findings were also recognized and respected nationally and internationally. He conducted extensive field trials on all of Wisconsin's major agronomic crops as well as on the processing crops of peas, sweet corn and drybeans. He also researched the biology and control of wild proso millet and woolly cupgrass, herbicide-resistant weed management, and the impact of weeds on forage quality. In recent years, his research program emphasized the population dynamics of weed seed banks, herbicide-soil insecticide interactions, the establishment of native prairie environments and weed management in herbicide resistant crops.

Gordon Harvey was first and foremost an outstanding and devoted teacher. He was dedicated and willing to contribute unlimited time to students. His research provided a dynamic, synergistic environment for advising the more than 43 graduate students who have continued his legacy in positions at other universities and agricultural industries. He also had a strong influence on the nearly 2300 undergraduate students who enrolled in his weed management courses. Harvey's extensive research program and outreach activities had two purposes; to apprise the agricultural community of his weed management research activity and to seek direction for his research program from the grower community. He was particularly gifted in sensing and researching the next level of questions that a new weeding practice, agricultural technology or cropping system might generate. Many of his discoveries were published in more than 100 scientific journal articles.

To insure a continuing strong tradition of weed science research and student training at the University of Wisconsin, the R. Gordon Harvey endowed Distinguished Graduate Fellowship in Weed Science was established in his memory. The fellowship was fully funded prior to Harvey's passing.

Gordon Harvey loved hunting and fishing and had the remarkable ability of being able to observe rare natural phenomenon. His wooded acreage in the Baraboo bluffs satiated his appetite for such nature-related activities as tree planting, timber harvest, fish rearing, maple syrup production, wild berry picking, fishing, hunting and just observing nature. During the last three years of this life, Gordon struggled courageously with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). In spite of this ever worsening affliction which gnawed at his vitality, Dr. Harvey made valiant efforts to continue both his research program and his outdoor activities until the day of his passing.

Survivors include Linda McInTurf Harvey, his loving wife of 36 years, a daughter Tamara Harvey Stewart of Atlanta, Georgia, a son Timothy of Hartford, his parents, a sister and two brothers. Gordon Harvey will be remembered by his family and many friends for his dedication, integrity, selflessness and commitment to his family, his work and Wisconsin agriculture.

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