

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

**ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS ANDREW A. MCBEATH**

Andrew McBeath, age 66, emeritus professor in the Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation, passed away on Sunday, June 2, 2002 after a long illness. He was born on March 4, 1936 in Milwaukee to Ivor and Lida McBeath, but spent his childhood in Madison, attending public school. He attended UW-Madison from 1954-1961 where he earned a bachelor's degree and Doctor of Medicine degree and was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Following graduation from medical school he spent two years at Hartford, Connecticut and an orthopedic residency at the University of Iowa. Dr. McBeath joined the US Air Force from 1966-1968. He returned to Madison to begin his career at the University of Wisconsin, Division of Orthopedic Surgery as an assistant professor in 1968. Four years later he was named acting chairman of orthopedics and officially became chairman of Orthopedic Surgery in 1975, a position he held for a quarter century. In 1980 he was named Frederick J. Gaenslen Professor of Orthopedic Surgery. Under his direction, the Division of Orthopedic Surgery expanded to include several new subspecialties. When he began as chair, the division consisted of four members. When he retired, there were 13 internationally recognized faculty who specialize in areas including hand surgery, spine surgery, joint replacement, pediatric orthopedics and sports medicine. He retired from the chairmanship in April 2000 and retired from practice in July 2000.

Colleagues in the Department of Orthopedics credit his unifying influence and administrative skill for continued growth and success of UW Orthopedics. His greatest achievement was his stewardship of the orthopedic residency training program, which has trained over 100 residents.

From the very beginning of his long medical career, Andy recognized the importance of pain-free joints in allowing patients to lead fuller, more productive lives. He developed an interest in joint replacement surgery early in his career and was one of the first surgeons in Wisconsin to perform a total hip replacement. As a professor and the chairman, he devoted more than three decades to the study of total joint reconstruction, focusing specifically on the hip and knee. He designed The Wisconsin Hip, a prosthesis to help improve patient mobility and quality of life for thousands of patients. His patients were grateful for his surgical skill and his ability to provide realistic expectations of the outcomes associated with joint replacement surgery. He was known for his direct and honest approach, which left an indelible impression on all those whose lives he touched.

Andy had long-term memberships in the following professional societies: American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American Orthopaedic Association, American Medical Association, Dane County Medical Society, Hip Society, Madison Orthopedic Society, Downtown Madison Rotary Club, Orthopaedic Research Society, Russell Hibbs Society, Wisconsin Orthopaedic Society, and Mid-America Orthopaedic Association.

He was a reviewer for two well-known publications: *The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery* and *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research*.

In his personal life, Andy was married to Margaret, and together they enjoyed an active life of bicycling, cross-country skiing, traveling, and spending time in Vilas County at their vacation home. He had two sons, Drew and Craig, and was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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