

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

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS EDWARD G. BRUNS

Edward G. Bruns, age 90, passed away on May 25, 2005. He was born on June 15, 1914, in Elkhart Lake, the son of George and Meta Bruns. Edward was raised on a farm in Elkhart Lake and was a 1932 graduate of Elkhart Lake High School. He furthered his education at Lakeland College-Plymouth and also at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, earning a degree in agricultural engineering in 1936 and civil engineering in 1937. He earned a master's degree in agricultural architecture from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

In 1946 he was employed with the University of Wisconsin as a county extension agent in Sheboygan County and in 1948 he began working with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Agricultural Engineering. He was promoted to associate professor in 1959, and full professor in 1975. Edward worked directly with farmers and taught Short Course classes on farm building design until his retirement in 1977.

Edward did extensive work with farm buildings in the United States, Sweden and Germany and visited more than 10,000 farms in Wisconsin. He always felt that farm visits were the best way to connect with farmers and provide the education they needed. In 1947-48 alone, he conducted educational programs in 42 Wisconsin counties. His work received recognition from those with which he worked, both in the U.S. and Europe, and from the federal government.

His work came at a time in Wisconsin's history when most of the state's dairy farms were small and technological innovations were being introduced to farms. Farmers could not afford to hire architects to design farm buildings and milkhouses. Edward's tireless efforts to help Wisconsin farmers design and construct cost effective structures kept Wisconsin in the forefront of the dairy industry and in compliance with State Department of Agriculture food quality regulations. He was recognized by Wisconsin's State Milk Sanitarians for his work in promoting compliance with Grade A milk regulations.

Edward enjoyed traveling and meeting people and was an avid gardener, but treasured most the time spent with his family. He was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church and the V.F.W. William "Sonny" Simon Post No. 8216 of Middleton. In addition to Marjorie, his wife of 65 years, Edward is survived by three children and five grandchildren.

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