

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

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS CLAUDE ADAMS TAYLOR

Claude Taylor, age 79, emeritus professor in the Department of Anesthesiology, died on Sunday, June 6, 2010 following a brief illness. Claude was born July 28, 1930 in Morning View, Kentucky, the son of Claude and Clara Taylor. After earning a bachelor's degree in pre-medicine with a minor in history at the University of Kentucky, and a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, Claude completed postgraduate training in anesthesiology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Service as a physician and captain in the United States Air Force was followed by five years as a professor of anesthesiology at Emory University. Claude then joined the University of Wisconsin-Madison anesthesiology faculty for 30 years until retirement.

As founding program director of the paramedic program, Claude was instrumental in introducing the modern resuscitation and transport era in Madison and trained the first 48 paramedics for the city. His long-standing research interest was malignant hyperthermia, a severe, hereditary response to commonly used anesthetics. For decades before the era of molecular medicine, Claude's profound genealogical insights and devotion to families with the disorder enabled many happy and productive lives that would otherwise have been cut short.

In critical and operative care, Claude occupied the pinnacle of the "right stuff." Many generations of students, residents and fellows aspired to Claude's vast knowledge base, sparkling pattern recognition, and composure under pressure. Most importantly, Claude was able to awaken these attributes in his trainees, no matter their backgrounds or levels of experience. As a proud member of the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Claude's lessons were not bound by the covers of medical journals and texts. During breaks, or at day's end, Claude highlighted the importance of Braudel's *A History of Civilization*, or the distribution of central Wisconsin's sandy loams, to the lives and times of patients in our care. When our most prominent physicians are honored by bronze statues gracing the hospital's entry, Claude's will be twice life-sized.

Above all, Claude stood for the proposition that humanism and unsurpassed clinical skills should be close companions in anesthetic care. It is our wish that recall of his light heart and renowned amiability brings a quick smile to all those who lament his passing. Claude is survived by his wife Irma, and their children Claude, Cyndi and Debra.

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