

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

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS M. VERE DEVAULT

Professor Emeritus of Curriculum and Instruction M. Vere DeVault, a nationally and internationally known and widely respected professor of mathematics education, died at his home peacefully on December 9, 2010. He was eighty-eight. Dr. DeVault earned a BA (in music), an MA at DePauw University, and an Ed.D. (in elementary education) at Indiana University.

Dr. DeVault joined the faculty at the University of Texas-Austin in 1953, and in 1961 he moved to the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he worked in the mathematics education area in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. He was the founder and director of Computer Fest. He loved teaching and especially enjoyed opportunities to work collaboratively with his graduate students and colleagues. His work with teacher-educators in Nigeria and Japan will be long remembered.

Vere published numerous academic articles and books and co-authored a number of children's books and a series of elementary-level mathematics textbooks. Much of his academic work focused on strategies for individualizing mathematics instruction. He was an early promoter of techniques for using computers in elementary education. Vere was recognized throughout the United States for his leadership with the Wisconsin Elementary Teacher Education Project (WETEP) and with Teacher Corps.

Vere was a man who enjoyed people and reached out to them as a friend and teacher. He and his beloved wife, Margaret (Steckel) DeVault, enjoyed travel, spending time with their many friends and continuing to learn. Vere and Margaret spent part of each year on St. George Island, near Apalachicola, Florida, where they made many friends. In addition, they both enjoyed eating out; there are only a few restaurants in Madison that did not have the privilege of serving them.

Vere was an enthusiastic hobbyist. He loved photography, travel, and growing dahlias. He shared the products of his hobbies – dahlias and photos – with friends and family members. He enjoyed classical music and continued his lifelong love of learning through participation in UW's PLATO group and West End Club. In addition, he enjoyed reading a wide variety of materials.

Vere was born April 30, 1922 in Lafayette, Indiana, the son of Della Florence Goddard DeVault and Marion Ray DeVault. He grew up in Detroit, Michigan and Chalmers, Indiana. Vere served as an army clerk in Europe during World War II.

Vere is survived by a loving family including his wife of 33 years, Margaret DeVault; his devoted sister, Ileen Imel of Fort Myers, Florida; and his children and grandchildren, Marjorie DeVault and Robert Chibka of Boston; Ileen DeVault and Diane Feldman and their daughter Sara DeVault-Feldman of Ithaca, New York; Phil DeVault and his son Jake Bohn of Seattle; and his first wife, Barbara DeVault of Madison; and stepchildren and grandchildren, Elizabeth Amundson and Jason Sailing and son, Julian Sailing of Madison; John Amundson and daughters Emily and Alexa Amundson of Madison; Marjorie and Ronald Schildknecht and daughters Rebecca Schildknecht of Carpentersville, Illinois and Allison Schildknecht of Saint Paul, Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Glen DeVault and his parents.

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