

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

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITA PATRICIA A. HUMMEL

Patricia A. Hummel, professor emerita of the School of Nursing, died in Madison, Wisconsin on January 3, 2013 at the age of 88.

Professor Hummel was born on June 29, 1924 in Springfield, Massachusetts. Entering nursing at a time when the typical training was a diploma in nursing, she graduated from Columbia University-Presbyterian School of Nursing in New York in 1946. She soon recognized the possibilities within the profession and the importance for nurses to have additional education. She pursued three additional degrees: a BS in health education from Springfield College, an MS in nursing from the University of Colorado, and a PhD in psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Professor Hummel had a distinguished career as a nurse administrator, researcher and educator. After completing her MS degree, she served as the director of nursing for Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in La Jolla, California. As a doctoral student at UCLA, she taught at that institution's School of Nursing. After earning her PhD in 1969, she was recruited by Dean Valencia Prock to join the faculty at the University of Wisconsin for the purpose of redesigning and expanding the graduate programs in nursing. During her 20-year tenure, she served as the associate dean for graduate programs for 11 years and was recognized with an endowed professorship, the Helen Denne Schulte Professor of Nursing, from 1984 until her retirement in 1989.

Professor Hummel played a significant leadership role in the School of Nursing's graduate programs by overseeing the expansion of the MS program to include multiple clinical specialties. She chaired the faculty task force to develop the PhD program in nursing in an era when nursing research was new to academia. Professor Hummel served as principal investigator on many federally funded research and education training grants including the development of a PhD program in nursing (Department of Health, Education and Welfare), professional nurse traineeship program (Department of Health and Human Services Division of Nursing) and the nursing research emphasis grant/doctoral programs (Department of Health and Human Services Division of Nursing).

Professor Hummel served on major governance committees in the School of Nursing and on the campus including the school's executive committee and academic planning council, the campus Faculty Senate, CHS Task Force on Geriatrics and Gerontology, and the Faye McBeath Institute on Aging and Human Development.

As an educator, Professor Hummel taught at all levels of the nursing programs from introductory discussions in health policy to graduate seminars in nursing theory and clinical nursing research. She inspired many students to discover and further the intellectual and theoretical foundations of nursing as well as its practice.

Professor Hummel made significant contributions to the nursing profession and to graduate education in nursing at UW-Madison. She was highly regarded, much admired and will be missed by many.

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