

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

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS WALTER T. BJORAKER

Walter T. Bjoraker, professor emeritus in the Department of Continuing and Vocational Education and a member of the faculty for 34 years, died October 28, 2010 at home. He was 90 years old.

Walter was born in 1920, earned a bachelor of science degree in agricultural education in 1942, a master of science degree in 1948, and his PhD in 1952. All three of his degrees were from the University of Minnesota. During that period, he also served in the Army Air Corps in Europe during World War II. After earning his doctorate, Walter played a leadership role in the Department of Agriculture and Extension Education at UW-Madison, serving as the department chair for more than 20 years. Walter considered it a privilege to work with the quality students that attended UW-Madison. He was the major professor for over 50 PhD candidates and approximately 300 master's candidates. The focus of his published research was on promoting and improving education for vocational agriculture and agribusiness. He was involved with international program development in Brazil and Nigeria and served as a consultant to the United Nations efforts in agricultural development. Under his leadership, CAVE was named the outstanding continuing education graduate program in North America. In 1980, he won the Advisor of Merit Award from the Wisconsin Agricultural and Life Sciences Alumni Association.

Walter retired as professor emeritus in 1989. He was devoted to the Future Farmers of America (FFA) all of his adult life, encouraging young people to serve rural communities. He married Delores E. Johnson in 1947, and they spent 63 years together.

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