

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

**ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS L. JOSEPH LINS**

L. Joseph Lins, professor emeritus in the School of Education, died January 27, 2013 at Agrace HospiceCare in Fitchburg. He was 94 years old.

Professor Lins' first appointment with the university was in 1947 as an assistant to the director of student guidance and records and as an assistant professor. He served in numerous appointments until his retirement in 1983 as a professor and was on the faculty for 25 years.

Dr. Lins received his bachelor of science degree with honors from the Platteville State Teachers College in 1939. He received his master of philosophy degree in school administration in 1944 and his doctor of philosophy degree in teacher education and statistics in 1946 from UW-Madison. He held different positions at the UW-Madison, including associate director of Testing and Evaluation Services, several appointments in the Center for Cognitive Learning, and acting registrar and director of admissions. He was referred to as the "father" of institutional research because of his work in collecting and analyzing quantitative data on higher education institutions. His expertise was used to establish reciprocity between Wisconsin and Minnesota, enabling students to be schooled in out-of-state programs not offered in their state at in-state tuition rates.

He was the co-author of seven books and was the author of "Methodology of Enrollment Projections for Colleges and Universities," produced for the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers and distributed by the American Council on Education. He was also the co-author or author of more than twenty published articles on research in his field in addition to many book reviews written for the *Journal of Educational Research*.

His family considers one of his greatest legacies to be his continual demonstration of how to transcend obstacles, to live a full rewarding and successful life. Joseph Lins was born with a broken collarbone and with his arm torn from its socket. The damage was never repaired since many of the physicians were in the armed services and were not available during his home birth. The injury cost him the full use of his limb for the rest of his life. Since he was unable to work on the family farm, he steered toward a college education, which was uncommon for a rural family during the Great Depression.

Joseph Lins loved the University of Wisconsin and living in the state. He was born in Spring Green and turned down all offers to leave the state.

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