

Memorial Resolution of the Faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison On the Death of Professor Emeritus John R. Marshall

Dr. John R. Marshall, MD, PhD, served as the Chair of the University of Wisconsin Department Of Psychiatry for 9 years, from 1980 to 1989. He joined the faculty in 1970, attaining full Professorship in 1978, and was granted emeritus status after his retirement in 2005. He held several leadership positions during his 35-year tenure at the University of Wisconsin, including serving as the Associate Chair (1975-1980), Residency Program Director (1973-1975), Director of Adult Psychiatric Consult Services (1970-1972), Director of Inpatient Psychiatry Service (1972-1973), Director of Undergraduate Psychiatric Education (1975-1977), Director of Clinical Services (1976-1980), and Director of the Anxiety Disorders Center (1986-2005).

Dr. Marshall was born in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, in 1939. After graduating from Jefferson High School, he received his undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and completed medical school in 1964. After completing an internship year at Hartford Hospital in Connecticut, he returned to the University of Wisconsin and completed his psychiatry residency in 1968. From 1968 to 1970, he served as Captain in the U.S. Air Force at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas.

Dr. Marshall married Kathleen Hetzel in 1964. They enjoyed 52 years together and raised two children, Brent and Erin. Dr. Marshall was a lifelong Wisconsin Badgers basketball and football fan, and he played basketball for the Badgers during his freshman year. More than anything, he appreciated spending time with his family and watching his grandchildren play sports.

Dr. Marshall made considerable contributions in the area of anxiety disorders and social phobias. He was the principal investigator on numerous clinical trials and had over fifty publications related to the treatment of severe anxiety disorders. He wrote the book, Social Phobia: From Shyness to Stagefright, which was published in 1995.

Dr. Marshall was a well-regarded forensic psychiatrist who examined, consulted, and testified in numerous legal proceedings. In addition to being a clinical supervisor on various service units, he actively taught medical students and psychiatry residents. Outside the department, Dr. Marshall remained active in various hospital and university roles, including teaching committees and serving on the University of Wisconsin Hospital Board. At the community level, he consulted with the Madison Police Department, annually screening police candidates. At the national level, he served as an examiner for the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology from 1996 to 2005.

Dr. Marshall died peacefully on November 17, 2016, at the age of 77, just 6 weeks after the death of his beloved wife, Kathy. He will be remembered not only for his significant contributions in the areas of anxiety disorders and his dedicated service in Psychiatry, but also for his genuine warmth and good humor.