

Memorial Resolution of the Faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison On the Death of Professor Emeritus Bruce Murray

Professor Bruce Murry passed away in Madison, Wisconsin, on December 7, 2016, at the age of 83. He was born on April 28, 1933, in Chicago, Illinois, and he grew up in Whitewater, Wisconsin; he was a proud Wisconsinite throughout his life.

Professor Murray joined the faculty in the Department of Landscape Architecture in 1969. He taught, advised and mentored for many years, including serving as Department Chairman and later an Assistant Dean and interim Associate Dean of CALS. He retired from the university in 1998. Bruce served in the Navy during the Korean Conflict and upon his discharge, graduated from Layton School of Art and married Elizabeth (Liz) Wyman in 1961. He earned two Master's degrees at the University of Wisconsin, one in Art and Art Education, and the other in Urban and Regional Planning. Those experiences provided a sound foundation for further teaching, research, and service in Landscape Architecture.

Professor Murray was a talented and prolific artist. As an astute observer of the natural environment his woodland watercolors featured many Wisconsin landscapes. Bruce was an innately creative and caring person who took great joy in working with students and faculty. He especially enjoyed advising and listening to students while helping them define their personal and professional goals. He taught numerous courses in the Landscape Architecture program including introducing students to concepts of regional and landscape design, and he worked closely with students and colleagues on many design and applied research projects.

Perhaps one of his greatest accomplishments was developing the visionary state recreation plan under former Governor Gaylord Nelson, while working with his mentor and colleague Professor Philip H. Lewis. Bruce Murray's appreciation and sharing, both orally and through his paintings, the simple beauties found in daily life was a lasting gift that enriched the lives of many. In his retirement, Professor Murray continued his service to other through active roles with downtown Madison Kiwanis and the Saint Benedict Society.

His former students, university colleagues, and friends remember him with deep affection and appreciation for his competence, dedication, creativity, kindness, calm, caring, and good-natured demeanor.