Memorial Resolution
Charles Enger Johnson

Be it resolved that on March 14, 2008, the faculty and staff of the College of Education at the University of Maryland honor the life and professional career and acknowledge the death of Charles Enger Johnson, former faculty member of the Department of Measurement, Statistics, and Evaluation.

A resident of College Park, Charlie died of lymphoma on November 24, 2007, at the age of 73 at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Marge Johnson; three children, Ted Johnson of Silver Spring, Chad Johnson of Greenbelt and Rachel Kidwiler of Burtonsville; a sister; two brothers; and six grandchildren.

Born in Lanesboro, Minnesota, Charlie graduated from the University of Minnesota with a major in music theory and composition. He played the baritone horn in the marching and concert bands. When he later joined the Army, he was assigned to band duty at Fort Ord, California.

After his discharge, he received a doctorate in psychology at the University of Minnesota in 1964. He moved to Maryland and worked for the Department of Labor for two years, before joining the College of Education at the University of Maryland in 1966 where he taught research design. Charles retired from the college in 2001.

Never bored, he enjoyed singing in the choir at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Silver Spring. He loved walking around Lake Artemesia in College Park and joined the Adopt-a-Trail campaign to keep the bike path he used almost every day free of litter. He also loved to fish, kayak on Deep Creek Lake, hike, travel, read, listen to music, landscape and work with wood.

As one colleague described him, Charlie was “a wonderful person…one of the kindest, gentlest, nicest guys I have ever known. He was also unusually gifted in a number of areas, his skills at language acquisition were tremendous and he was fluent in a number of languages.” Before a 1986 trip to his homeland of Norway, Charlie researched his family’s ancestry and studied the Norwegian language. He also learned Spanish after one of his sons moved to Chile.

The College of Education is grateful for the services rendered by Dr. Charles Enger Johnson and extends its heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

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