Be it resolved that on February 20, 2009, 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 David J. Rhoads, alumnus and former faculty member of the Department of Counseling and Personnel Services.

A resident of Edgewater, Md., Dave passed away on November 2, 2008, at the age of 76. He is survived by his wife and fellow College of Education alumna, Carolyn Rhoads (Ph.D., ’85), and their two children: Linda and Joshua David.

Dave earned his Ed.D. in counseling from the University of Maryland College of Education in 1963, having completed previous graduate work at Temple University. While working on his doctoral degree, he held a position as a full-time instructor in the College and was appointed as an assistant professor shortly after earning his doctorate. Showing how much things have changed, one of Dave’s favorite stories was that after a few years in this position the dean of the College approached him while walking down the hall, put his arm around Dave’s shoulder and said, “Dave, we like what you are doing. We’ve given you tenure.” He, reportedly, did not even know that he was being considered for that status.

During his 27 years as an assistant and associate professor in the College, Dave was instrumental in starting the Department of Counseling and Personnel Services’ community counseling program. He also served as co-director for many years of the Department’s school counseling program, which focused on secondary school counseling.

After his retirement from the College in the spring of 1990, Dave continued to work as a professional psychologist in the private sector up until his death. Coming from a large, extended family that treasured church music, he also enjoyed and engaged in music as a life-long avocation.

The College of Education is thankful for the services rendered by Dr. David J. Rhoads and extends its heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

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