

David W. Barkley

David W. Barkley, professor emeritus of political science at Northeastern University, died suddenly on August 9, 1993, in Westwood, Massachusetts. He had just moved to Westwood in 1993 after living for many years in Cambridge. He was 83.

Originally from Denver, Colorado, he received his A.B. (*magna cum laude*), A.M., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Southern California, and his M.P.A. from Harvard. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Psi Chi, Epsilon Theta, and Pi Sigma Alpha. He served with the U.S.A.F. during World War II, and then worked in various supervisory capacities with the Social Security Administration in Los Angeles and Baltimore before finally settling in Boston. He was a lecturer at Boston University before joining the Northeastern faculty in 1955.

Dave was the "founding father" and first director of Northeastern's graduate public administration program, which began in 1969 and by the late 1970s had become one of the largest programs of its type in the country. But Dave was not just a specialist in public administration. He was a man of wide-ranging intellectual interests. He was very knowledgeable in American political thought and taught both graduate and undergraduate courses in that field. And he always maintained a strong interest in philosophy, not just political philosophy but other fields in philosophy as well.

In addition, Dave had a life-long interest in the problems of the aging. In his early years he worked in the Old Age and Survivors Bureau of the federal government, and in his later years he continued to be active in gerontological and public health organizations. He was the chairman of the Council on Aging of Cambridge from 1961 to 1966. He was also chairman of the legislative committee of the Massachusetts Public Health Association in 1965–66, trustee of the Family Service Association of Greater Boston from 1957 to 1960, and president of

the New England Gerontological Association for 1962–63.

Dave was noted for his humanitarian concerns and his dedication to community service. He devoted many hours to Omega Hospice in Somerville and was its chairman. He was an active lay member of Christ Church, Cambridge for 43 years.

Although Dave officially retired in 1975, he continued to be active in intellectual matters. He taught at Harvard's Institute for Learning and Retirement from its inception in 1977 until this past winter. Here he pursued his interest in philosophy, introducing new topics every year. Despite his active academic and community life, he also found time to play the recorder and pursue his interest in seventeenth-century music. For many years, he faithfully jogged the two miles around Fresh Pond in Cambridge. He was an exceptionally fine colleague who will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife Françoise (Thomazeau) and his son, Peter, of Cambridge.

Memorial contributions may be made to Amnesty International or Christ Church, Cambridge.

L. Gerald Bursey
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Kenneth Farmer

Kenneth Farmer, associate professor and chair of the department of political science at Marquette University died in Milwaukee on January 13, 1994, at the age of 50. He died of a heart attack brought on by the aggravation of diabetes, a disease with which he struggled for most of his life.

A native of Iowa, Ken taught Soviet politics and Soviet foreign policy, and did research in the areas of Ukrainian nationalism and Soviet administrative elites. He earned his A.B. in political science from Iowa State University, after serving as a language specialist for several years in the Air Force. After Iowa State, Ken moved to the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he studied with John Armstrong, Melvin Croan, and others.

He earned his M.A. in 1973 and his Ph.D. in 1977, both in political science. His first appointment was as a one-year replacement at Marquette for the 1977–78 academic year. During that year, the position became permanent, and Ken won the job in competition with a pool of more than 100 applicants. He was promoted and tenured as an associate professor in 1983, and was twice elected department chair by his colleagues, first in 1991, and again, unanimously, in 1993.

Ken's dissertation, later published as *Ukrainian Nationalism in the Post-Stalin Era* (Martinus Nijhoff, 1980), was a model of painstaking data gathering and insightful interpretation that proved almost prophetic of the changes that were later to occur in the Soviet Union. His subsequent work on Soviet elites, *The Soviet Administrative Elite* (Praeger, 1992), dealt with a wider range of material, but demonstrated the same analytical and organizational skills.

An accomplished and influential scholar, Ken was also committed to his students, both in the classroom and on the field trips to the Soviet Union that he organized and led in all but two of his years at Marquette. From his arrival on campus, he was one of the department's most respected and popular teachers. His lectures to packed classes on Soviet and Eastern European politics, Soviet foreign policy, and U.S. national security policy were thorough, thoughtful, and professional. The quality of the lectures and his own eagerness to help his students consistently won him the department's highest student evaluations. His trips to the Soviet Union afforded hundreds of young men and women broadening and eye-opening experiences of enduring value for their education in the broadest sense. Ken undertook these trips at some cost to his own health, but his enthusiasm for his students and his fascination with the Soviet Union invariably won out over considerations of prudence.

Although not religious himself, Ken was profoundly respectful of religious faith and of people who lived by it. He was a sensitive man whose difficult childhood robbed