

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION  
ADOLPH JOHN BARTKY  
1899-1974**

Adolph John Bartky died on September 6, 1974. He was seventy-five.

John Bartky came to Stanford as Dean of the School of Education in 1946 and served in that office until 1953. He then returned to teaching and research and retired in 1965.

John Bartky was born in Chicago on April 10, 1899. He received his undergraduate education at the Illinois Institute of Technology. He earned an M.S. degree from the University of Chicago in 1932 and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Northwestern University in 1933 and 1935.

John Bartky began his long career as an educator after returning from service in World War I. He served in a series of administrative posts in the Chicago public schools including district superintendency. He was president of Chicago Teachers College when World War II broke out and left that office to re-enter the armed forces. During World War II, as a captain in the U.S. Navy, he was in charge of instructor training and assistant director of the Standards and Curriculum Division. At the conclusion of the war, John Bartky came to Stanford.

At Stanford, John Bartky concentrated on strengthening the preparation of school administrators. He was aware of the Stanford School of Education's long-standing reputation as a center for administrative training and research. He was at his best in helping sensitize young administrators to the complexity of the institutional matrices within which they would work, embellishing his lectures with a host of anecdotes out of his years as a school administrator. His tales usually were touched with humor, but shrewdly designed to make personal, immediate, and concrete otherwise abstract principles in the art of administration. At the same time, these stories helped illuminate the man, with all his social awareness, his kindness, and his compassionate acceptance of human fallibility.

John Bartky is survived by his wife, Ruth, and five daughters: Johanna, Judith, Joyce, Janet, and Jill.

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