



Dr. Carl W. McIntosh, 94, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 19, 2009, at his home in Bozeman—exactly where he wanted to be. His daughter, Diana McIntosh, was at his side.

Carl, or “Mac,” as he was known to many of his friends, devoted his career to higher education teaching and administration. Carl was born in Redlands, CA, on December 1, 1914, and graduated from high school in 1932. He received his BA from the University of Redlands in 1936, and went on to the University of Iowa in Iowa City, IA, to earn his MA and PhD in 1937 and 1939, respectively.

Carl began his prestigious 40-year career in higher education in 1937 as Instructor of Speech and Acting Department Head at Park College, Parkville, MO. From 1940 to 1943, Carl served as Assistant Professor of Speech at the University of Idaho, Southern Branch, in 1937. He married Mary Carroll Donnelly in 1939, and continued to live in Pocatello, ID, until World War II called him away. He served in the United States Army in England, France, Germany, and Belgium from 1943 to 1946, and his wife moved to live with her family in Missouri. In 1944, Carl’s daughter Diana was born. Eighteen months later he returned from the war and saw his baby girl for the first time.

After he had finished his tour of duty in 1946, Mac and his family moved back to Pocatello, ID, where Mac served first as Director of Summer Session, and then Associate Professor of Speech and Acting Executive Dean. In 1947, the Southern Branch of the University of Idaho became Idaho State College, and Mac became President there until his resignation in 1959. At the time of his appointment, he was one of the youngest college presidents in the country. He was 32. In 1959, the Macintoshes moved to Long Beach, CA, where Mac served as President of California State College, Long Beach until 1969. (The College became California State University, Long Beach in 1972.)

Mac loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fly fisherman. He returned to the mountains he loved in Bozeman, MT, and served as President of Montana State University in 1970 until he retired in 1977.

During his lifetime, Carl received numerous honors and awards. Among them, in 1936, he won first place in Men’s Extempore Speaking, Pi Kappa Delta National Forensic Tournament, in Houston, TX. In 1952, the University of Redlands awarded him the LL.D. In 1962, Tamagawa University, Tokyo, Japan, awarded him Honorary Professor. In 1963, he received the “Famous Fifty” Distinguished Alumnus Award from Pi Kappa Delta.

Carl was a man with an astonishing memory. He was witty, charismatic, and a grand raconteur. Carl had a lifelong thirst for knowledge and a love of literature. Since his retirement, he read 2,420 books and also wrote sonnets. His family and friends will miss him greatly.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Catherine Weston McIntosh (1951–1951) and his wife of 50 years, Mary Carroll McIntosh (1916–2005). He is survived by his daughter, Diana Donnelly McIntosh of Portland, OR; and his two grandchildren— Christopher Carl Kauppi of Iowa City, IA; and Erika Donnelly Kauppi of Portland, OR. Carl requested that there be no funeral. Memorial donations may be made to the Montana State University Foundation.