

In loving memory of James Meredith Day



James Meredith Day, Professor Emeritus at Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, a specialist in Moral Development and the Psychology of Religion, passed away on December 21, 2021, at the age of 66. He is survived by his partner, Christina Stadler, his daughter, Julia, and two sons, Jonathan and Jacob.

James Day was born February 26, 1955, to J.M. Day (1927-2003) and Geneva Louisa Puterbaugh Day (1928-2016). A graduate of Oberlin College, Ohio, James earned the Master of Divinity degree from Harvard University, and the Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

In a distinguished career at Boston University and the Catholic University of Louvain, Dr. Day was recognized as an expert in the fields of moral decision-making, religious and spiritual development, cognitive complexity, religious cognition, moral psychology, god images in psychotherapy, development of measures and their validation using the Model of Hierarchical Complexity, gifted young people, and Mindfulness-based psychotherapies, mentoring hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students, many of whom have become distinguished scholars and practitioners in their own right. Dr. Day was a Senior Alumni Mentor in Human Development and Psychology at Harvard University and appointed to the Belgian Commission of Psychologists with special responsibilities for the future of research and education in psychological science. He served for years as Associate Editor of the *Archive for the Psychology of Religion: The Journal of the International Association of the Psychology of Religion*, and as a reviewer for many scholarly publications. He was the co-founder of the European Society for Research in Adult Development, and Co-Director of the Louvain-Harvard Project in Cognitive Complexity and Religious Cognition.

In addition to his scholarly work, James was a licensed clinical psychologist practicing at the Psygroup in Brussels. A lover of music and poetry, and a poet himself, James will be remembered by his colleagues and friends as a man of exceptional intelligence and wit, infectious laughter, and profound empathy. He was the consummate intellect, scholar, and friend. He will be sorely missed.