



Palacký University
Olomouc

Olomouc, December 8, 2017

Dear Family of Mr. Charles E. Merrill,

We, the Rector and the academic community at Palacký University, were truly sorry to hear of the passing of Charles Merrill.

Please allow me, on behalf of the entire Palacký University academic community, including the Merrill Program Alumni, to extend our sincere condolences to you in your time of grief.

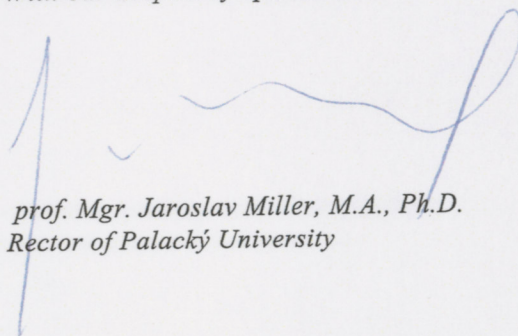
It has been our great honor to become "his" university, the educational institution he helped to develop in many ways. Many of our respected teachers and researchers are Merrill Program Alumni who have transferred knowledge and experience gained at American partner institutions to Palacký University, thanks wholly to the generous support they received from Mr. Merrill.

Mr. Merrill was a unique personality, always humane and wise in his thoughts and deeds. The generosity of his heart and mind immediately gained him the respect of those who had the fortune to get to know him. There are many of us, all over the world, who will pray for him and remain grateful for his selfless support in time of need and who will always remember him as one of the best representatives of humanity, not only for his generosity, but also for his inspiration and wisdom. May God bless his soul.

We have many wonderful memories of him, helping us now in this difficult time of mourning. We will always remember his sensitive and understanding attitude toward young people – encouraging them naturally to learn more, educate themselves, and to develop an active interest in and caring about society.

It is with sadness that we write these lines, but the legacy of Mr. Merrill at Palacký University will live on, in the spirit of his optimism and in colors of his drawings for the new generation of Merrill students who will keep his memory and ardor alive. We will do our best to continue the Merrill Program of Palacký University Olomouc, to honor his memory, fulfill his wishes, support our shared values in promoting education and human values as well as respect for cultural differences and understanding among people in a way as close as possible to what he did throughout his long, inspiring life.

With our deepest sympathies,



prof. Mgr. Jaroslav Miller, M.A., Ph.D.
Rector of Palacký University