This issue of Janus Head is dedicated to the memory of

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Edward L. Murray, C.S.Sp., Ph.D., was Professor of Psychology at Duquesne University and co-founder of the Silverman Phenomenology Center at Duquesne. In addition to teaching, he formerly held the position of chief psychologist at Somerset State Hospital (Pennsylvania). His administrative roles included service as chairman of the Department of Psychology, vice-president for academic affairs and acting president of Duquesne University. His range of theoretical specialization included that of personality integration, embodied symbolization, sexual identity and language.

From his book Imaginative Thinking and Human Existence:

"There is no realization in life more devastating to a human being than the fact that he is totally alone in life, in this world. By the same token there is no realization quite as important to all of us as the realization that we are not alone and never really ever alone. Such an understanding lies at the heart of a genuine integration of life. Thanks to religion in life, a person is brought to an appreciation of this and many other truths about life. No other field of study is comparable. It holds out hope to all, excluding none. And calling all the while for imaginative thinking, it would bid the person to look far, to see far, to think far into life. And it would urge the person to imagine even in the darkest of moments, the light of hope that makes integral living possible."