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MSL Announces Passing of Former Maryland State Librarian

Baltimore, MD. –

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of J. Maurice Travillian, former Maryland State Librarian. Mr. Travillian passed away on Wednesday, July 14th, 2021. He was a valued supporter of the Maryland State Library Agency and served as a role model for many librarians now in leadership roles.

Mr. Travillian launched his library career in Columbia, Missouri, as Daniel Boone Regional Library's bookmobile driver. After many years, he moved to Maryland and worked for the Division of Library Development and Services (now the Maryland State Library Agency) before becoming the Maryland State Librarian.

"Maurice was truly a leader in the library field," Irene Padilla, Maryland State Librarian, said. "His greatest accomplishment was bringing the Internet to all public libraries in Maryland. This was in the early 1990s when the Internet was in its infancy. He was also responsible for the creation and implementation of our statewide interlibrary loan system, known as "MILO". Without his advocacy and leadership, Maryland libraries might be very different from what we know today."

Mr. Travillian's memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 14th, at Middletown United Methodist Church. In place of flowers, donations to the [Frederick County Public Library System](#) in Mr. Travillian's honor are appreciated.

In addition to his loving wife of 25 years, Sandra Doggett, Maurice is survived by his daughter Stephanie (Travillian) Keefer and her husband (James) of Aberdeen, MD; daughter Mindy Travillian and her husband (Ivan Musser) of Houston, TX; son Stevyn Travillian and wife (Elizabeth Wartluft) of Portland, OR; son Marc Travillian and wife (Jessica) of Prosper, TX; stepson Todd Ricker and his wife (Dr. Lara Dhingra) of South Orange, NJ; stepdaughter Heidi Ricker of Thurmont, MD; and stepdaughter Dr. Britta Ricker and husband (Paul Huijsman) of Asperen, The Netherlands, in addition to seventeen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.