Professor Emeritus Gerard C. Flynn died of a stroke on November 6, 1997 in Springfield, Massachusetts, the day before he was to read a paper at a colloquium at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

He was born in 1924 in the Bronx area of New York City, which he would remember in an autobiographical narrative he had published in 1993, *The Bronx Boy*. Gerry Flynn attended three New York City universities, Fordham, where he obtained a BA in History, Columbia, where he did an MA in Latin American History, and New York University, where he completed a doctorate in Spanish in 1958. He began his career as a history instructor at St. John's University in Brooklyn, and went on to teach Spanish language and literature at Rutgers, The University of Pennsylvania, and UWM, whose faculty he joined in 1963 as an associate professor and from which he retired in August of 1997.

In the course of those thirty-four years at UWM, Flynn became, in many ways, a true Milwaukeean. He had eleven children, of which nine live in the area and are active in many fields. Flynn himself was instrumental in developing the study of Spanish at UWM. He chaired the Department of Spanish and Portuguese several times; he was also active in university life as a Faculty Senator and a member of the Humanities Divisional Committee.

Gerry Flynn authored many books, some of them published by prestigious Boston and New York publishing houses. His name was well known in more than one area of Spanish Peninsular literature, thanks to his having published books and articles on twentieth-, nineteenth- and seventeenth-century authors, although it would be probably for his work on nineteenth century literature that he will be remembered the longest. His articles appeared in some of the best-known scholarly periodicals in the field of Hispanic literature, and he also contributed a few pieces of language pedagogy.

Flynn attended professional conferences often. In fall of 1996 he had been the keynote speaker at a conference in Spain dedicated to a writer he had studied; it was actually on his way to another scholarly gathering that he met death. This happened when Gerry had only begun to enjoy his retirement. Retirement did not mean, however, that he planned to cease of even to slow down in his writing; he had published a critical monograph in 1995 and was working on a new one.

In the course of so many years of teaching it was only natural that Gerry Flynn would contribute to the intellectual development of many students. He will be remembered by a large number of UWM graduates throughout Wisconsin.