Reynold E. Carlson, director of the Institute of Brazilian Studies at Vanderbilt from 1949 to 1953, died after a long illness. Carlson, an international expert on economic development, earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Northwestern and a doctorate from Harvard. He was an economics consultant from 1946 to 1947 to the United Nations. In 1958, he returned to Vanderbilt as as director of the graduate program in economic development and was tapped by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1966 to serve as ambassador to Colombia. Carlson also was a retired regional assessor for Latin America for the Ford Foundation. As a result of his work with the Ford Foundation, he received in 1963 the National Order of Cruzeiro de Sul from the Brazilian government. Later Carlson was an adjunct professor at Vanderbilt and a visiting professor at Grinnell College in Iowa and Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire. He was a member of Saint George's Episcopal Church in Nashville, Delta Sigma Pi, the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C. and the University Club of Nashville.