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ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS JACOB J. LEVIN

Jacob J. Levin, professor emeritus of mathematics, passed away on Sunday, March 16, 2008.

He was born in New York City and educated at the City College of New York where he received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he studied mathematics under the direction of N. Levinson, receiving the doctorate in 1953.

His first appointment was as an instructor in mathematics at Purdue University (1953-1955), followed by positions as a visiting lecturer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1955-1956), staff member at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lincoln Labs (1956-1963), associate professor (1963-1966) and professor of mathematics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1966 until his retirement in 1997.

Jake's research interests were in the area of ordinary differential equations and integral equations. He made many contributions to the understanding of the asymptotic behavior and stability of solutions to these equations. For many years he had an active research collaboration with J.A. Nohel and D.F. Shea. He gave many invited addresses at both national and international conferences including the International Conference on Recent Advances in Differential Equations, Trieste (1978), The first Roumanian-American Seminar on Operator Theory and Applications, Iasi and Suceava (1978), Symposium on Differential-Delay and Functional Equations, Control and Stability, Warwick, England (1972), and many others too numerous to list.

Jake enjoyed teaching and greatly missed it after his retirement. His retirement did not end his interest in mathematics. In fact, after his retirement he developed an interest in logic and spent several years after retirement coming in to the university and auditing classes in logic taught by his colleagues. Jake was a valued member of the mathematics department and will be greatly missed.

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