

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON**

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS JESSE C. SAEMANN JR.

Jesse C. Saemann Jr., professor emeritus of engineering mechanics, died on October 3, 2010 at the age of 89. He was born on September 16, 1921 in Adell, Wisconsin. He received all his advanced degrees from the University of Wisconsin, including his BS degree from the Department of Civil Engineering in 1943, and his MS and PhD degrees from the Department of Engineering Mechanics in 1950 and 1955.

After his undergraduate education, he served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946. During his service, he had formal training in both naval architecture and salvage. He served in the Salvage Personnel Pool and as a salvage officer aboard the USS Okala in the Pacific Theater with a final rank of lieutenant. After serving his country, he returned to the University of Wisconsin where he completed his graduate degrees in engineering mechanics with WARF research apprenticeship support for his work at the Forest Products Laboratory. He became a faculty member in the Department of Engineering Mechanics where he made outstanding contributions to the education of many students within in the department and throughout the College of Engineering in the areas of mechanics of materials and soil mechanics. He also made significant contributions to testing of materials, most recently in his post-retirement work in 1989 with Professors George W. Washa and Steven M. Cramer on laboratory testing of the strength properties of 50-year-old concrete.

Professor Saemann retired in 1983 after a 37-year career at the University of Wisconsin. He was a long-time member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, having served as an elder. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son-in-law, Michael R. Chapman. Survivors include his wife, Evelyn; two daughters, Lynn Chapman of Edgerton, and Lauri (Alan) Clapp of Cedarburg; three brothers, Noah and Henry Saemann of Elkhart Lake, and John Saemann of Union Grove; grandchildren, Sarah and Amy Clapp of Cedarburg; as well as many nieces and nephews.

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