
**Memorial Resolution of the Faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison
on the Death of Professor Emeritus Howard Conner**

Howard was a professor in the mathematics Department from 1962 until he became Emeritus in 1995. He was raised in Watertown, Wisconsin and graduated from High School in 1948. He then joined the Navy and became an electronics technician attaining the rank of Petty Officer First Class. After the service he attended the University of Wisconsin 1952-1956, becoming among the first to graduate in the Applied Math and Engineering Physics (AMEP) program. Howard then went to MIT and Lincoln Labs where he earned his PhD under Norman Levinson in 1961. His early research was in applied probability and the application of stochastic processes to Boltzmann type equations. In 1961 he had an appointment at the UW Mathematics Research Center. In 1962 was appointed an Assistant Professor in the Mathematics Department. He soon became involved with the AMEP program which he guided skillfully and with great care for nearly 30 years. He spent two years at the Rockefeller Institute 1966-1968. Howard's interests later shifted to Linear Algebra and Matrix Theory, but he retained his interest in physics. He performed physical experiments and computer experiments with MATLAB. He with others helped to develop the computing facilities in the Math Department directing the student facility for many years almost to his retirement. After retirement, he was active in the Math Olympiads at Randall School.

Howard was a good story teller, most were believable. Howard had active duty during the Korean War on a destroyer patrolling the Straits of Formosa. His ship received a commendation for picking up a downed pilot. He played a key role in fine tuning the equipment so that the pilot could be located. He had a papal visit (with others) when he was in uniform and picked out of a crowd in St. Peter's Square. Howard was a keen handball player and played with many members of the department. He took interests in his children's careers and this led to many new friends. This past summer his family hosted a party for family and friends in his honor. It was a very diverse group.

Howard is survived by his children Daniel (Marla), Geoffrey (Alison Rice), Susan Conner - Dieter (Daniel), 5 grandchildren: Martin; Isabel and Hannah; Julie and Lauren; and special friend Evelyn Gerry. He was preceded in death by his wife Shirley and daughter Julee.

We have known Howard for about 50 years and love and respect him. For the past 10 years we have had lunch with him most Fridays. He will be sorely missed.

Respectfully submitted by the Memorial Committee:

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Donald Crowe
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