

## Tribute to a Colleague

Dr. Theodore J.(Ted) Benac died on Nov. 9 from cancer. Ted earned a Bachelor's degree in chemistry and philosophy from St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt. a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Connecticut at Stokes, and a doctorate from Yale University. In July 1941 he was appointed an instructor at the United States Naval Academy. He has taught at USNA ever since until 2 weeks before his death without missing a single semester.

He was the chairman of the Mathematics Department for 6 years. He served as the Governor of the Maryland-District of Columbia-Virginia section from 1977 to 1980. In 1990 he was named the Maryland State Professor of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support Education. Other awards he won include the Navy Civilian Service Award, the Navy Meritorious Service Award, and Civilian Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence.

In 1969 he started a new course, "Computer Calculus", which, with modifications, is still taught at the Naval Academy. He is the author of 3 textbooks and translated 5 mathematics books from German to English and wrote abstracts that were published in conference proceedings and in publications of the American Mathematical Society. From 1962 to 1971 he also taught graduate courses in abstract algebra at Catholic University.

Ted is survived by his wife, Virginia Benac of Indianapolis, IN, and a daughter, Susan Benac of Annapolis, and 5 grandchildren. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Ann Arundel County Unit 810, P.O.Box 4203, Annapolis, MD 21403.