Stanley Temple Donner, professor emeritus of radio-television-film, died on December 18, 2003. He was 93.

Professor Donner was born on December 1, 1910, in Norfolk, Nebraska. He received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Northwestern University.

Shortly after World War II broke out, Donner enlisted in the Navy, and it was during a time home on leave that he met his future wife, Joanne Emerson. After completing his naval duties, Donner joined the faculty at Stanford University. In 1955, he spent a year abroad in Paris, France, as a Fulbright Scholar. During that time, he worked with the new French television O.R.T.F. (Organisation/Radio/Television/Francoise). He received a second Fulbright Scholarship in 1962 and spent this time in London, England.

In 1965, Professor Donner was offered the job of chairman of the new Department of Communication at The University of Texas at Austin. In 1968, he was invited by President Lyndon Johnson to the White House. By 1970 he joined the anti-Vietnam War movement and read Mark Twain’s “War Prayer” to a crowd of 50,000 on UT’s East Mall. He retired from UT in 1982. Professor Donner and his wife, Joanne (Josie), spent one year out of retirement in Kano, Nigeria, where they taught at the University of Kano.

Professor Donner is survived by his five children, Victoria, Jan, Megan, Marco, and Tamsen, and a host of grandchildren. His wife, Josie, preceded him in death in 1996.

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