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REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION COMMITTEE FOR
MICHAEL A. KIRK-DUGGAN

The special committee of the General Faculty to prepare a memorial resolution for Michael A. Kirk-Duggan, professor emeritus, management science and information systems, has filed with the secretary of the General Faculty the following report.

Sue Alexander Greninger, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council

IN MEMORIAM
MICHAEL A. KIRK-DUGGAN

Michael Kirk-Duggan was born in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, on December 15, 1931, and died in Raleigh, North Carolina, on October 5, 2011. His parents were Frank E. and Dorothy Ada (Darrow) Duggan. He received a B.S. in Mathematics at Holy Cross in 1953, did postgraduate work at the University of Minnesota from 1953 to 1956, received a J.D. degree from Boston College in 1956, and earned a master’s degree in patent law at Georgetown University in 1959. He was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1956 and to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar in 1961.

Professor Kirk-Duggan was an officer in the United States Navel Reserves in Pensacola, Florida, and Washington, D.C., from 1956 to 1960 and a senior engineer in the Sylvania Programming Office in Needham Massachusetts from 1960 to 1961. He became a trial attorney in the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., from 1961 until 1967, the year he entered academia as assistant professor at the Whittemore School of Business and Economics of the University of New Hampshire in Durham, New Hampshire. Professor Kirk-Duggan served as a commander of the U.S. Naval Intelligence from 1969 to 1978 and was an administrative judge of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission from 1972 to 1990.

In 1968, Kirk-Duggan joined the faculty of The University of Texas at Austin as professor of computer science and business law and was promoted to full professor in 1972. He taught mostly business law in the business law group of the Department of General Business (later named the Department of Management Science and Information Systems) in what is now known as the McCombs School of Business. He retired on August 31, 1993, after twenty-four years of affiliation with UT Austin and was accorded emeritus professor status.

During his lengthy academic career, Professor Kirk-Duggan was a prolific writer. He wrote seven books, eight book sections, and one hundred and four articles, reports, and monographs. In addition, he wrote thirty-six book or movie reviews, ninety-seven computer articles, and four hundred and seventy-six case critiques. He also presented seventy-six invited lectures and seminars and was an editor of six journals. During his time at UT Austin, Professor Kirk-Duggan taught thousands of students and was helpful to many colleagues regarding ideas for research and the use of hardware and software.

On July 26, 1956, he married Shirley Mary Spencer, and they divorced on January 21, 1981. In 1983, he married Cheryl Ann Kirk. After she finished her degree at The University of Texas at Austin in 1993, he followed her as she pursued her career.

Professor Kirk-Duggan and his first wife, Shirley, had four daughters and three sons who survive him. His daughters are Michelle Craig and her husband, Bill; Cheryl Hartman and her husband, Mark; Siobhan Smith and her husband, Michael; and Mary Cathrine Dorney and her husband, Kenneth. His sons are Michael Duggan and his wife, Truc; Christopher Duggan and his wife, Sharon; and Robert Duggan and his wife, Amy. Surviving grandchildren are Heather, Cynthia, Elizabeth, Clara, Kelsey, Ian, Declan, Sophia, Margaret, Cameron, McKenna, Kendal, Caleigh, Zachariah, and Rachel. Other surviving family members include his brother...
Laurence Duggan and his wife, Beatrice; sister Peggy von Briesen and her husband, Ted; brother-in-law Rudolph Valentino Kirk II and his wife, Gail; sister-in-law Dedurie Vanessa Kirk; “adopted daughter” Michelle Williams and her husband, Jeff, and daughter, Jada; cousin Bob Bennett and his wife, Audry; cousin Jerry Bennett; and numerous nieces and nephews.

“Iron Mike” Kirk-Duggan was a devoted husband to his wife, Cheryl, an active member of the Catholic church, a wonderful singer (contrabass), a member of MENSA, and a colorful professor at The University of Texas at Austin for nearly a quarter of a century. His friends and family miss him deeply.

This memorial resolution was prepared by a special committee consisting of Professors Robert A. Prentice (chair), John R. Allison, and Paula Murray.

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