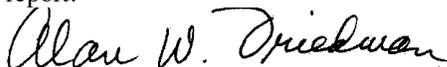


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**REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION COMMITTEE FOR
DON E. EDMONDSON**

The special committee of the General Faculty to prepare a memorial resolution for Professor Emeritus Don E. Edmondson, Department of Mathematics, has filed with the secretary of the General Faculty the following report.



Alan W. Friedman, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council
The University of Texas at Austin
Arthur J. Thaman and Wilhelmina Doré Thaman Professor of English and Comparative Literature

**IN MEMORIAM
DON E. EDMONDSON**

Professor Emeritus Don Edmondson passed away on May 22, 2017. During his years at The University of Texas at Austin, Professor Edmondson enriched the Department of Mathematics, the College of Natural Sciences, the University as a whole, and the greater Austin community. He clearly understood that the mission of higher education cannot be accomplished without extensive, openhearted outreach. He will be remembered for his body of research as well as for his work with Austin youth.

Don Edmondson was born on September 6, 1925. He married Blanche Scheffler in 1951 and had three children: Chris Cathy, David Goodwin, and John Everett. Don received his Bachelor of Science from Southern Methodist University in 1945, his Master of Science at the same institution in 1948, and his Ph.D. from the California Institute of Technology in 1954. He held Instructorships at Southern Methodist University (1946-48, 1949-51) and Tulane University (1954-55), and was an Assistant Professor at Southern Methodist (1955-57) with promotion to Associate Professor (1957-60). He joined the Department of Mathematics at The University of Texas as an Associate Professor in 1960.

Professor Edmondson's impressive record of University service reveals a scholar who was deeply devoted to his academic community. He often took leadership roles on departmental committees and involved himself intimately with the preparation of secondary education mathematics teachers. He was an active member of the Texas Academy of Science (TAS) and the Texas Section of the Mathematics Association of America (MAA). In 1963, he was elected an Honorary Life Fellow of the TAS. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Section of the MAA in 1990.

Professor Edmondson's outstanding commitment to his community extended to his students, and he spent a great deal of time and effort mentoring junior scholars. Professor Edmondson supervised sixteen Ph.D. dissertations and forty-seven Master's theses. He served on a large number of Ph.D. and M.A. supervising committees. He served as an Undergraduate Advisor and as Graduate Advisor, and was instrumental in the development of the Honors Program in the Department of Mathematics and in the development of courses designed for business, social sciences, and human ecology students.

Professor Edmondson retired from UT Austin in 1998 after a long and successful career.

This memorial resolution was prepared by Casey L. Sloan in the Office of the General Faculty.

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