Davy A. Carozza, Professor Emeritus of Comparative Literature at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, died of cancer at the age of 72 on June 22, 1999, in Westport, Connecticut.

Professor Carozza emigrated from Italy to the United States in 1947. He served in the United States Army as an Information and Education Specialist during the Korean War. He completed his higher education at the Catholic University of America and received his doctoral degree there.

The word best suited to Davy Carozza in any characterization of his learning, his teaching, and his life is DEVOTION. As a distinguished scholar, he was devoted to the study of Dante, the Romance languages, and the literature of the Renaissance and Baroque periods; his courses in these areas were consistently popular, and, as a lecturer and panelist in these areas he was regularly sought, his reputation having become internationally established by his numerous books and articles. He was devoted to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, from the moment of his appointment in 1965 until his retirement therefrom in 1992 and, beyond that, during the seven years in which his emeritus status reflected, as it now continues to reflect, credit to this university. He was devoted to the discipline of Comparative Literature and to his comparativist colleagues, all of whom stood, and many of whom continue to stand, in his large debt. His devotion to artistic and literary activities in metropolitan Milwaukee is evident in his having founded and served as President of the Italian Cultural Society. He was thoroughly devoted to his family: his wife of 47 years, Anna, currently resident in Westport, Connecticut; his sons--Daniel Carozza, of Washington, D.C., Walter Carozza, of New York City, and Paolo Carozza, of South Bend, Indiana--his daughter, Janet Carozza, of Westport, Connecticut; and eight grandchildren, in each and every one of whom his devotion continues to live. He was, finally, devoutly religious; and no one who knew Davy Carozza has any doubt that his faith has wrought the substantiation of his beliefs and hopes.

Davy Carozza taught at other universities, to which his distinction in his discipline won him invitations as visiting professor. Among these was the Scuola Italiana of Middlebury College in Vermont.

Wake and funeral services were held in Westport, Connecticut. A memorial service at the Newman Center in Milwaukee marked this community’s return, in part, of his devotion to it. Family, friends, and colleagues are establishing an endowment for scholarly activities in the name of Davy Carozza.

Arrivederci a presto, Davy!