Memorial Resolution
for
Emeritus Professor of Business James R. Schaefer

Emeritus Professor James R. Schaefer passed away on April 21, 2012 at age 92. Born in Milwaukee on August 25, 1919, he was a graduate of the Milwaukee Public School System, and earned advanced degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, including a B.S. in Mathematics and Economics, an MBA in Personnel Management and Statistics, and a PhD in Personnel Management and Statistics.

From 1943 to 1946, Professor Schaefer served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps in the southwest Pacific Theater in Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines. He taught at Madison West High School in Madison, WI, from 1941 to 1949 (excepting his time in the service), and joined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1950, teaching mathematics, economics, and statistics in the School of Business until his retirement in 1982.

As a member of the Quantitative Methods faculty, Professor Schaefer (known by some as Mr. Statistics) awed students in his statistical methods course. An article written at the time of his retirement quotes one student as saying, “Professor Schaefer has been an educator in the best sense of the word.”

Professor Schaefer was a lifelong member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and a charter member of the Lutheran A Capella Choir of Milwaukee. He was a selfless and caring son and brother for his parents and siblings, who predeceased him. We, his colleagues past and present, mourn his loss but celebrate his legacy.

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