



Edmund Leonard Jossem

August 29, 2009

Memorial Service To Be Announced

Tribute Wall



“ *Edmund Leonard Jossem*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Len Jossem was an outstanding member of the AAPT, American Association of Physics Teachers. He lived his deep commitment to improving the teaching of physics at all levels of education. He was a calm, perceptive, thoughtful contributor to and commentator on physics education. He would hold his tongue until the best moment to affect a discussion and then succinctly---sometimes with a dash of acerb---put wandering minds on track to a useful conclusion. Len was an important part of every AAPT meeting and a reliable source of sound advice and consultation to AAPT presidents for more than a generation. On one occasion he personally helped pull AAPT back from the brink of bankruptcy. He was a guide, a help, and a friend. Goodbye, Len, and thank you.*

Charles H. Holbrow - October 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please share the Society's condolences with the family. I have updated our files so that no further mailings will be sent. Please let me know if I can help further. Sincerely, Paulette Harmon Sigma Xi*

Paulette Harmon - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to Leonard's family. He served as a mentor at OSU, and gave valuable advice later when I served as an AAPT officer. I shall remember him fondly.*

Donald Shirer - September 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Leonard Jossem was an outstanding physicist. Cliff Heer thoroughly enjoyed discussions on physics developments with him.

Esther Heer - September 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Since my arrival at OSU in 1970, and certainly before that, Len has set an example for all as a thoughtful gentleman and scholar, a very caring man always willing to go the extra mile. His selfless contributions to the Physics Department during his retirement set a high standard for emeritus faculty everywhere.

William Saam - September 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ I will miss Len--friend, colleague, and mentor--very much.

Gordon Aubrecht - September 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ What a wonderful gift to the world of Physics with special emphasis on teaching. We will certainly miss him and his input.

Donald Schuele - September 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Len’s perspectives about “life in the physics community” were sought and valued by many over his long and distinguished career. He could call up a story or metaphor at will to summarize his thoughts at the close of a conversation, and each summary contained a bit of wisdom or clever insight that was right on point. It was important to listen to and learn from him, and I feel fortunate that our paths crossed one another. I will not forget his gentle ways —always polite, always professional. I will not forget how he demonstrated his commitment to physics and his leadership in the community time and time again through his actions and words. I will not forget what I learned from you, Len. You made a difference.

Karen L. Johnston - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Thanks much for passing on the sad news. As word has spread around the country, a session in his honor is already coming together for the Portland, OR meeting of the AAPT next summer.
Dick Peterson

Richard Peterson - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ The community of physics educators all over the world will miss Len’s gentle but enthusiastic presence, his encouragement of younger colleagues, his historical perspectives, and his patience when reminding us that we often “re-invent” the world of physics teaching. Priscilla Priscilla Laws Research Professor of Physics Department of Physics and Astronomy Dickinson College Carlisle, PA 17013

Priscilla Laws - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I wish to convey my condolences to Len’s Family and Friends. I first met Len when I was a student under him at Ohio State. His technique of discussing a topic was second to none as was the time he would spend with you until you got it. Since that time he became a true friend. I will miss him. Oh for men with the integrity and character of Len. Dick Heckathorn 14665 Pawnee Trail Middleburg Hts, OH 44130

Dick Heckathorn - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ I always admired Len's non-nonsense style and ability to work hard until almost the day he died. He was a great help in my course in scientific writing.

Eric Herbst - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ I had the great opportunity to speak with Len at the American Association of Physics Teachers meetings. He was a pioneer in our field and made wonderful contributions to Physics Teachers Education, the field of PER in which my research lies. My condolences and prayers to the family.

Jennifer J. Neakrase - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ From the time I arrived in 1990, Len was always a friend and a trusted advisor – a man that knew everything and, more importantly, the nuances as well. As Len told me on this 90th birthday, Physics was his family and his family around the world will miss him.

Frank De Lucia - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ One of the great pleasures that I had when I spent a year at OSU in 1992 was to be able to interact with Len. I found him to be one of the most thoughtful physics educators that I have met, in addition to being a really nice guy, and I learned a lot from him.

Mano Singham - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Len Jossem was a wonderful man and will be sorely missed. He was a point of calm and civility in all his dealings at AAPT and especially at some committee meetings.

Kathleen Falconer - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MU

“ To the family and friends of Len I wish you strength to comfort you in your loss. Len was well know in the physics education community. He will be missed.

Myra West, Emeritus Prof, Physics, Kent State University - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Condolances to Len's family and friends. He will be missed.

Robert Poel - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Len was a close friend who will be missed by everyone who knew him. I know of no one else who had the breadth of influence on the physics education community throughout the world.

Arnold A. Strassenburg - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ With the passing of Leonard Jossem, physics education has lost a giant. The world is a better place because Leonard gave so much of himself to others. His quiet demeanor, his patient listening, his intense interest, his readiness to help, and his overwhelming knowledge of issues were uniquely combined in this gentlest of men. So long my good friend. I will miss you.

Bernard V. Khoury - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ The worldwide physics community has lost a consummate gentlemen, mentor to many students, colleagues, and mere acquaintances, and friend to all who knew him. His patience, calm demeanor, and generosity in so many ways will be missed.

Roderick M. Grant - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Leonard was a great and honorable man. I really liked speaking with him. Although I don't know anything about Physics, he really seemed to make what he talked about enjoyable. He will be missed in our department.

Robin Prothro - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Len Jossem was a member of a small group of leaders and statesmen who worked to dramatically improve teaching and learning in physics over the last fifty years. He cared deeply about and went to great lengths to help students, teaching assistants, teachers, and young colleagues. He often demonstrated his belief in the benefits of collaboration, and he provided long and faithful stewardship in our physics associations and our physics community. I will miss his calm presence, and I will remember him with great admiration.

Jack Hehn - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Leonard was a true friend and a consummate professional. We will miss his wit, his keen advice, his superb leadership and his unflagging support. He was never too busy to “dig through his files” and find that one article or letter that made the difference in documenting the big picture. Physics and Physics Education have lost a true gentleman, a pioneer and a friend.

James H. Stith - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ With deepest sympathy- a great teacher

Gerri Bain - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I will always remember your kindness to younger people, generosity in sharing your experience and expertise, and long-term friendship with Chinese physics educators. May you rest in peace, Dr. Jossem.

Jing Wang - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM