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Colleagues,

It is my sad duty to inform you of the death of Professor Woo Jong Kim, a long-time member of the University community, who passed away on Wednesday.

Professor Kim was born in North Korea, and was separated from his parents during the Korean War. He came to the U.S. for graduate school in 1958, first at Oklahoma State University and later at Carnegie-Mellon University, and earned a PhD in both Chemical Engineering and Mathematics. He joined the faculty at Stony Brook in 1968. His research specialty was ordinary differential equations.

Professor Kim was an active member of the University community, having served on a number of departmental, college and university-wide committees. Starting in 1976, he became Graduate Program Director in the Department of Applied Math and Statistics, a position he held for all but five years. He took a great interest in the department's graduate students and was regarded as a supportive and effective mentor to hundreds of students. He was also a member of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America, and published extensively throughout his long career.

His immediate family members were all excellent musicians and he very much enjoyed music and in helping develop programs for young musicians.

The funeral for Professor Kim is scheduled for 10:00 am on Saturday at the Bryant Funeral Home, 411 Old Town Road, East Setauket. His casket will be on display at the funeral home this evening from 7:00 to 10:00.

We will miss him.

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Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs