

Wen Mou Chow

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PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCE, EMERITUS

B.A., Chiao-Tun University (China); Sc.D., Chemical Engineering,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, June 25, 1941
California State University, Fullerton From September 1, 1969 To July 1, 1986
Birth: April 2, 1919; Death: May 5, 1991

Dr. Chow, a member of the Management Science Department for more than 20 years, passed away on May 5, 1991. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Diana, and two daughters.

After his graduation from M.I.T., Dr. Chow spent many years as a chemical engineer with Union Carbide Corporation. He was very much a part of the birth of the computer age in the 1950's and 1960's. His experience at Union Carbide later proved to be invaluable to our department as we became involved in the early 1970's with the development of computer science and information systems courses and degree programs.

Wen joined CSUF in 1969 when the Management Science Department had just 5 members. He was one of those rare persons whom a department chair really appreciates. He never complained about his teaching assignments. In those early days, when our resources were limited, he was especially valuable as one of the few individuals who could teach in three areas (information systems, operations research, and statistics).

Wen was a quiet man. He was deeply devoted to his family, his home and garden, and to his teaching. We all knew that he disliked committees and meetings of all kinds, but he did his time on them without complaint. As a tribute to Wen, every one of our department meetings showed in the minutes (in violation of Robert's Rules) a motion to adjourn moved by Chow and seconded by Chow.

Submitted by
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