

In Memoriam

Verner E. Hoggatt, Jr.
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Founding Editor, *The Fibonacci Quarterly*

With the end of summer came the end of the life of our editor, whom many of us loved and respected deeply. His passing has left a void that may never be filled for those who knew him either as a man or as a researcher.

Dr. Hoggatt's life was marked by dedication to the study of the properties of the Fibonacci sequence. His production and creativity were astounding. He wrote more than 150 research papers, which have appeared in numerous prestigious mathematics journals. He wrote a book on Fibonacci numbers, and was the editor of three other books. In addition, he was commissioned to write an article on Fibonacci numbers for the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

He guided 38 master's theses and one master's project, co-authored papers with some of the outstanding mathematicians of the world, was an enthusiastic conference speaker for mathematical societies several times each year, and the organizer of approximately 25 Fibonacci research conferences in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Dr. Hoggatt, Brother Alfred Brousseau, and I. Dale Ruggles founded The Fibonacci Association, and in 1963 he and Brother Alfred started *The Fibonacci Quarterly*, of which Dr. Hoggatt had been the general editor for 18 years.

Dr. Hoggatt received his M.A. under Dr. Howard Eves, and his Ph.D. under Dr. Charles C. Clark at Oregon State University. For the past 27 years, he had taught in the Mathematics Department at San Jose State University.

Even with as many as fifteen research projects going on at the same time, teaching full time, editing the *Quarterly*, and helping his wife, Herta, raise their family, Dr. Hoggatt always found the time to encourage his students and discuss their problems. He always had a ready smile and a quick witty pun.

We loved him and shall miss him.

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