

Memorial Resolution

Kenneth Lee Modesitt, Ph.D., a well-respected Computer Science educator, passed away on December 11, 2023, at the age of 82. He was born in Chicago, IL, on March 8, 1941, to C. Keith and Lorene Modesitt. Ken spent his career at IPFW, where he gained recognition for his innovative teaching methods. He introduced the PLATO system and emphasized student-led research and software engineering, which had a significant impact on the Computer Science curriculum. Ken was known for his enthusiasm, approachability, and philosophy of TEAM (Together Each Achieves More), which inspired intellectual curiosity and teamwork in his students.

Ken was not only a great professional but also a committed member of Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Fort Wayne. He was married to Jan K. Modesitt for 47 years and was a loving father to Kent David Tobias and the late Kamarie Modesitt Livingston. Ken's sister, Janet K. Modesitt of Clarkston, MI, survives him. He was preceded in death by his brother Donald E. Modesitt. Ken's legacy goes beyond his academic accomplishments.

Ken's contributions as a teacher and a role model in the field of Computer Science continue to inspire many, and his memory lives on through his family, students, and the countless lives he touched.