

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
WILLIAM F. ERBELDING
1927-1983

Whereas, the death of one of our colleagues, William F. Erbeling, has saddened us all.

Whereas, it is fitting to pay tribute to his life and works.

Be it therefore resolved that this memorial resolution be recorded as part of the minutes of this body and sent to his family.

Bill Erbeling was born on March 20, 1927, in Chili, New York. While attending the University of Rochester, he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and graduated with Distinction in 1947 with a B.S. degree in chemistry. A veteran of the Korean War, he went on to study analytical chemistry at Cornell University where he received a Ph.D. degree in 1961. During this time, he married Eleanor, née Schulz. He was project chemist at American Oil Company from 1961 to 1966, when he entered academic life by accepting the position of Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Ohio Northern University. He joined our faculty in 1968 as Assistant Professor and was promoted to Associate Professor of Chemistry in 1972.

Bill was a dedicated teacher who demanded much from his students, but who showed them compassion and concern. He thought nothing of spending long hours with a student if he felt the student needed extra help. His gentle demeanor and patience in his dealings with students and colleagues stood in contrast to the intellectual brilliance he possessed. He was a creative scientist who collaborated with a number of his colleagues on significant research projects. His knowledge of analytical instrumentation served as a valuable resource for chemistry students and fellow faculty alike. He was an outstanding colleague who will be greatly missed.

Bill is survived by his wife, Eleanor; a son, Mark, who is a mechanical engineer at Eastman Kodak; a daughter, Emily, who is a graduate student in nutrition at Cornell University; and another daughter, Mary, who is a senior at New Haven High School.