

**IN MEMORIUM**  
**Elmer G. Schwartz**  
**July 16, 1927-March 19, 2005**

Elmer G. Schwartz, our respected colleague of many years died on March 19, 2005 at the age of seventy seven.

His death neither removes nor dilutes his impact on this university, the College of Engineering, his many friends and colleagues, and an untold number of students. Actually, the number of students is partially told because he carefully kept every grade book he ever had; but his influence on students went far beyond those enrolled in one of his classes.

Elmer was born in Pittsburgh and maintained a life long love for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Even in his last days, he was listening to the spring training games.

He was graduated first in his class at the US Merchant Marine Academy in 1947 and also served in the US Navy.

After earning a Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering from Carnegie Mellon (in Pittsburgh, of course), he joined the faculty of Mechanical Engineering at the University of South Carolina in 1964 to begin a relationship to last the rest of his life.

He progressed through the ranks to become a full professor and Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies. He continued to teach until the fall of 2004. He was named Distinguished Professor, Emeritus and Associate Dean, Emeritus.

He had a way of making every student feel important while adhering to high standards of performance. His commitment to one-on-one advising of students was legendary. He was given the College of Engineering's Samuel Litman Distinguished Teaching Award in 1986.

He served on committees too numerous to mention within the College and throughout the University. He was Chair of the Faculty Senate in 1973-74. His activities of service reached well beyond the College and the University to include the Literacy Council, the Commission for the Blind and the Richland County Public Library. He also served actively in professional organizations and societies. He was a Licensed Professional Engineer and served as a consultant on various topics. He was winner of the College of Engineering's Joseph Biedenbach Distinguished Service Award in 1992.

His over forty year relationship with the University was exceeded by his fifty seven year marriage to Ursula Dellheim Schwartz.

A colleague, outside of engineering, recently remarked: "He was one of the most constructive, thoughtful and pleasant people at Carolina." To this we can all say "Amen".

We all send messages to a future that we will not see. Those messages are sent through children, through students, through the way we treat those around us and through the values we reflect to others. Would that all could send messages equal to those of Elmer G. Schwartz.

Mr. Chairman, I ask that these comments be made a part of the record of this meeting and that a copy be sent to his widow, Ursula, and the five children.

J. D. Waugh  
Dean of Engineering, emeritus

