

Editorial

It is always sad to lose a colleague and even more so when that colleague had brilliance and insight. For those who knew John Reynolds, an even greater feeling of loss comes from the knowledge that we will never again be challenged in his positive way; a way that always helped clarify one's own thinking. John was as patient a listener as he was a great expositor. In expressing the gap that John's passing leaves for us, we are of course aware of the much deeper loss to Mary and their sons. An added bonus of meeting John during any of his many sojourns abroad was seeing Mary who so often travelled with him. Their hospitality in their Pittsburgh home was legendary.

The article *The Essence of Reynolds* which follows gives a marvellous overview of John's contributions. If it serves to encourage younger researchers who did not know John to read more of his papers they will benefit. We are grateful to the authors for their sensitive and perceptive article and also wish to thank ACM for their kind permission to reprint it here.

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