

Foreword

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Don E. Carlson
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Volumes 104 and 105 of the Journal are dedicated to the memory of Donald Earle Carlson. This collection consists of a biography, which includes a complete list of his publications,

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and 41 contributed research papers. Don Carlson was appointed a member of the Board of Editors when the Journal was founded by Marvin Stippes in 1971. In mid 1982, Don became the Editor-in-Chief and served in that capacity until 1998 after which he remained as a member of the Board of Editors until mid-2006, when he resigned his board membership. Don made an impact on the field of continuum mechanics, both with his research contributions and with his dedication to graduate education. Always careful to respect fundamental issues in his papers and his course lectures, he was at the same time mindful that theoretical mechanics serves an essential role in the advancement of engineering and technology. He was a great advocate for theoretical and applied mechanics throughout his life, not only at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, but also at the national level with his presence on various committees and panels. Don was a kind and thoughtful person who was not only passionate about work but also possessed extraordinary social skills and a pleasing and magnetic personality. His advice was always thoughtful and personally directed and he truly was an unselfish and considerate individual. Though he was not self-promoting, he contributed importantly to the advancement of continuum mechanics in his publications, his classroom lectures, and with his very presence. He was widely appreciated as a person and for his contributions, as is evidenced by the great number of papers and associated accolades that are contained within these two volumes.