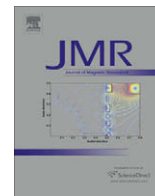


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In Memoriam

Woessner obituary



Dr. Donald E. Woessner died Nov. 3, 2008, as a result of a stroke suffered last May. He is survived by his wife Rebecca, son Richard

and wife (Kelly), grandchildren Michael and Lydia, and siblings Doris Dillon, Pauline Hefter, Phyllis Mackh, and Stanley Woessner.

Donald Edward Woessner was born Oct. 6, 1930, in Milledgeville, IL. He received his A.B. degree in chemistry, Magna Cum Laude, in 1952 from Carthage College. He received a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Illinois in 1957. He joined the Field Research Laboratory of Mobil in Dallas in 1958 and married Rebecca Patchin on June 21, 1958. After retiring from Mobil in 1992, he then became an Adjunct Professor at the Advanced Imaging Research Center at UT-Southwestern. A renowned NMR spectroscopist, in 1991 he became one of only three chemists from the Dallas-Ft. Worth area to win the American Chemical Society (ACS) Southwest Regional Award. In 1975 he won the Doherty Award of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Section of the ACS. Don published 13 papers in the Journal of Magnetic Resonance between 1969 and 2001 on various topics, many related to relaxation phenomena and quadrupolar nuclei. His most highly cited JMR paper (87 citations) is "An NMR Investigation into the Range of the Surface Effect on the Rotation of Water Molecules", D.E. Woessner, *J. Mag. Res.*, **39**, 297–308 (1980). His stature in science is demonstrated by a quote by Paul Lauterbur, Nobel Prize winner for MRI" who said in a supporting letter, "Nobody knows more about nuclear relaxation than Don Woessner." One of his early papers entitled "Nuclear Spin Relaxation in Ellipsoids Undergoing Rotational Brownian Motion," D.E. Woessner, *J. Chem. Phys.*, **37**, 647–654 (1962) is listed as a Citation Classic.

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