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## Harry Berst Mark, Jr.

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Harry Berst Mark, Jr., was born in Camden, New Jersey in 1934. He received a B.A. in chemistry from the University of Virginia, a Ph.D. in chemistry from Duke University, and was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of North Carolina and the California Institute of Technology. He began his academic career with a faculty position at the University of Michigan. In 1970 Mark was recruited as a professor in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Cincinnati, where he spent the rest of his career. Mark served a term as head of the Chemistry Department.

Professor Mark was an electrochemist and analytical chemist of international repute. He published over 300 articles in refereed scientific journals, wrote or edited 14 books. He was an early authority on the surface chemistry of activated carbon and on kinetic methods of analysis. He was also one of the pioneers in spectroelectrochemistry and conducting polymer electrodes. He was the co-editor of an 8 volume series on "Computers in Chemistry and Instrumentation". He gave over 200 talks at scientific meetings including plenary lectures at

international meetings in countries as diverse as India, Yugoslavia, United Arab Emirates, Portugal and Morocco. He was a visiting Professor in China and Belgium. He served on the editorial boards of 8 international scientific publications. 52 graduate students and 42 postdoctoral associates studied in his laboratory. He was a member of the IUPAC commission on Analytical Nomenclature, Alpha Chi Sigma, American Chemical Society, American Institute of Chemists, Comite International de Thermodynamique et de Cinetique Electrochimies, Electrochemical Society, New York Academy of Science, Society of Applied Spectroscopy, Western Electroanalytical Theoretical Society, Society for Electroanalytical Chemistry, and the International Society of Electrochemistry. Mark served as Regional Editor for the Journal of Solid State Electrochemistry.

In recognition of his many accomplishments Mark received the Medaille d'Hommage, Universite Libre de Bruxelles, ACS Cincinnati Chemist of the Year, George Rieveschl, Jr. Award for Distinguished Scientific Research, Technical Societies of Cincinnati Distinguished Scientist Award, McMicken Dean's Award for Research and Scholarship. He was an elected Graduate Fellow of the University of Cincinnati. He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Xi honorary societies.

Mark's enthusiasm for science and life, his willingness to help others and his intellectual honesty made him a role model for many of his colleagues, both national and international.

Mark had a wide range of activities and interests. He drove Sprint cars and Midgets on the US Auto Club circuit 1963 to 1975 and was on the USAC Technical Committee 1975–1977. An international expert on antique Colt firearms, Mark published 5 papers on pre-civil war firearms. A lover of automobiles, he drove Maseratis and a Ferrari.