

## Obituary

### Michael C. Zerner

Michael C. Zerner, a member of our editorial board, died on February 2 after a long struggle with cancer. He was a good friend of many of the readers of this journal, and he made many lasting contributions to the theory of molecular electronic spectroscopy and other areas of theoretical chemistry.

Mike was born in Boston on January 31, 1940. He earned a bachelor's degree from Carnegie Mellon University, and he obtained a master's degree and doctorate from Harvard University. He was a Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Physics at the University of Florida and a member of the Quantum Theory Project. He was a member of the American Chemical Society and a Fellow of both the American Physical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Mike served in the US army and reached the rank of captain. Before moving to the University of Florida, Mike was Professor of Chemistry at the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada. He was an Alexander von Humboldt Senior Fellow in Germany and a Fulbright Professor in former Yugoslavia. He received an honorary doctorate from Tartu State University in Estonia. Mike served as the President of the International Society of Quantum Biology and Pharmacology.

In addition to his service to *Theoretical Chemistry Accounts*, Mike served as associate editor of the *International Journal of Quantum Chemistry*, as an editor of the *Advances in Quantum Chemistry* series, and as a member of the editorial boards of the *Journal of Mathematical Chemistry*, *Acta Chemica Croatica*, the *Journal of Computational Chemistry*, and the *Canadian Journal*



*of Chemistry*. With his Quantum Theory Project colleagues he coorganized the annual Sanibel Symposia.

Mike designed the chemical modeling software ZINDO, which is licensed in more than 2,000 laboratories worldwide. Mike published more than 200 papers in leading scientific journals and books, with his first paper being a joint article with Martin Gouterman on porphyrins in *Theoretica Chimica Acta*, volume 4 in 1996.

He is survived by his wife Anna Gunilla Zerner of Gainesville, Fla., his son Eric Mark Zerner of Scranton, Penna., and his daughter Emma Danielle Zerner of Minneapolis, Minn.