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CHARLES WINTERS SCHERR

Charles W. Scherr, professor emeritus of physics, died on April 15, 2005. He was 79.

Professor Scherr received a B.S. in physics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1949 followed by an M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1951 and 1954, respectively. His research focused on numerical analysis problems requiring high accuracy and theoretical spectroscopy related to simple systems like the helium atom. Professor Scherr came to UT in 1956, and his career spanned 48 years. At UT, he taught all levels of courses from introductory physics to advanced graduate level. His publications include 39 articles in refereed journals, two volumes of problems, and *Free-Electron Theory of Conjugated Molecules, A Source Book*, a book he co-authored.

Scherr was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1926. As with many young men in his age group, his undergraduate career was interrupted by a brief stint in the Navy during World War II. He spoke fluent German and read Italian and Spanish with ease. He is survived by his wife, Susie Lightfoot Scherr; four children, Eve Susan Scherr, Pamela Gail Nevison, Alaina Beth Bailey, and Paul Nathaniel Scherr; and six grandchildren.

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