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**IN MEMORIAM
ERVIN J. PROUSE**

Ervin J. Prouse, professor emeritus of mathematics, died on June 16, 1998. He was 92.

Professor Prouse was born on July 20, 1905, in Anthony, Kansas. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Kansas in 1930 and 1935, respectively. He was awarded a PhD from the University of California at Berkeley in 1939.

Professor Prouse taught for seven years at Municipal University in Topeka, Kansas. He joined the faculty of The University of Texas at Austin in 1939, where he taught for 35 years. He was also associated with the McDonald Observatory in Fort Davis, Texas, and the Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay, Wisconsin.

From 1962 to 1964, Dr. Prouse, whose doctoral degree was in astrophysics, taught astronomy to astronauts involved in the Gemini and Apollo space exploration projects. He took part in the Texas Academy of Sciences visiting scientist program in middle and senior high schools. The project, which received support from the National Science Foundation, provided students the opportunity to learn from scholars at UT Austin.

Professor Prouse was a member of numerous mathematics and science organizations. He was also a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

John R. Durbin, Secretary
The General Faculty

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