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Obituary in remembrance of William S. Jewell

William S. Jewell, a Corresponding Member of the Swiss Association of Actuaries, died on January 27, 2003. Bill was born on July 2, 1932, in Detroit Michigan. Hereceived his bachelor's degree in engineering physics at Cornell University in 1954, and his doctoral degree in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1958. He joined the University of California at Berkeley faculty in 1960 and served as chair of the Department of Industrial Engineering and Operations Research from 1976 to 1980.

Bill's contributions to Actuarial Science were manifold. He made major contributions to Credibility Theory, in particular to multi-dimensional and Bayesian Credibility Theory. In 1974 he hosted the Annual Research Conference of the Society of Actuaries and the Casualty Actuarial Society. This conference led to a monograph that was published in by Academic Press and has become a standard reference in Credibility Theory. Bill has been a Scientific Director of two International Summer Schools of the Swiss Association of Actuaries (1986 and 1987); both were about Credibility and both were a huge success. But Bill's interest in Actuarial Science was not limited to Credibility Theory. In fact, he was a coorganizer of several Risk Theory Meetings in Oberwolfach. And his presentation at the 1980 International Congress of Actuaries in Zurich and Lausanne about "Models in Insurance: Paradigms, Puzzles, Communications, and Revolutions" was a masterful account of the state of the art of Actuarial Science. His paper was a judged the best contribution to actuarial literature in 1980, which is why Bill received the David Garrick Halmstad Memorial Prize 1982 from the Actuarial Education and Research Fund of the Society of Actuaries and the Casualty Actuarial Society. Also in 1982, at the Annual Meeting of the Swiss Association of Actuaries in Chur, Bill was appointed Corresponding Member of our Association. For several years, Bill has been an Associate Editor of the ASTIN Bulletin and of the Journal Insurance: Mathematics and Economics. Bill had many friends, in particular in Switzerland, where he spent a sabbatical year. We present our sincere wishes to his wife Elizabeth.

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