

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Death

Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement

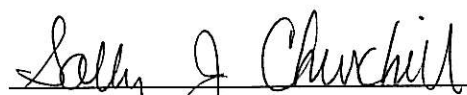
The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death on June 15, 2008, of Loretta J. Dauwe, professor of physics, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint, at the age of 61.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Professor Dauwe received her B.S. degree from the University of Dayton in 1968, her M.S.T. degree from the University of Missouri-Rolla in 1973, and her Ph.D. degree from Purdue University in 1980. She was a research associate at the University of Notre Dame from 1981-83 and at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory from 1983-85. She joined the faculty of the University of Michigan-Flint in 1985 as an assistant professor, and was promoted to associate professor in 1990 and professor in 2005.

Professor Dauwe was an experimental particle physicist who studied the fundamental behavior of nature at the smallest scales possible. During her career, she authored or co-authored more than 60 refereed papers, and was associated with a team of 125 physicists in the SELEX (Segmented Large X baryon Spectrometer) collaboration at Fermi National Laboratory. She received a significant amount of grant funding for her research, taught physics courses at all levels, and spent a great deal of time working with students in laboratories. Beyond the classroom, she supervised independent study courses and provided many research opportunities for her students at Fermi National Laboratory. Professor Dauwe served for several years as chair of the Department of Computer Science, Engineering Science and Physics. She was a member of the College of Arts and Sciences Executive Committee and served on the Flint Campus's Graduate Board, Academic Affairs Advisory Committee, and the Committee on Admissions and Scholarships. In 2001, the student government awarded Professor Dauwe its Distinguished Professor Award.

Professor Dauwe was well-liked and respected by all of her friends and colleagues; her untimely passing will leave a void in the department, the college, and entire University. As we mourn the loss of this great scholar and teacher, our condolences go to her brother, Daniel, her sister, Joyce Anderson and brother-in-law David Anderson, and her beloved nieces and nephews.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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