Obituary of: Professor Carl M. Harris

A colleague and long-term associate of many George Mason University faculty, Carl M. Harris, died of a heart attack on April 25 at Suburban Hospital. Carl, age 60, was a professor of operations research at GMU and lived in Rockville. Dr. Harris was former chairman of the Department of Systems Engineering and Operations Research and was also an associate dean. Before joining the George Mason faculty in 1985, he taught at the University of Virginia and was chairman of the Industrial Engineering Department at Syracuse University. Dr. Harris worked initially in Washington in the 1960s as an applied mathematics researcher at Research Analysis Corp. and also taught at George Washington University. Before that, he was a researcher in applied mathematics at Bell Research Laboratories in New Jersey. Dr. Harris was a native of Brooklyn, NY, and a graduate of Queens College. He received his master’s degree and doctorate, both in mathematics, from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. He was a consultant to the departments of Commerce, Energy, Justice, and The Treasury, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and General Accounting Office. Dr. Harris’ Encyclopedia of Operations Research, the standard reference in the field, is now in its third printing. He was also the author or co-author of several professional books, as well as more than 75 papers. He also served as associate editor for three professional journals. He was former president of the Operations Research Society of America, now the Institute of Operations Research and the Management Sciences. The organization awarded him its George E. Kimball Medal. He was a member of the Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi and Omego Rho honorary societies, B’nai Israel Congregation in Rockville, and the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington.

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