



## Richard S. Varga (October 9, 1928 -February 25, 2022)

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With deep sadness we record the passing of Richard Varga, a dedicated editor of *Constructive Approximation* since its founding in 1985. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Dick received his Bachelor's degree in mathematics at Case Institute of Technology and his Ph.D. in 1954 at Harvard University where he studied under the supervision of both Garrett Birkhoff and Joseph L. Walsh. Thereafter he took positions at the Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory, Case Institute of Technology, and Kent State University, where was a Distinguished University Professor and Director of the Institute for Computational Mathematics.

Dick's substantial contributions to approximation theory, numerical analysis and matrix analysis were widely recognized. He was an AMS Fellow, a SIAM Fellow, and a senior Humboldt prize winner, as well as the recipient of two honorary doctorates. His book on Matrix Iterative Analysis first published in 1962 remains a standard reference in the field. Along with his 6 other books and more than 253 research publications, his works became an inspiration to many of us in analysis.

Dick provided a great service to the mathematical community with his extensive editorial work, not only with *Constructive Approximation*, but also with *Numerische Mathematik*, *Electronic Transactions of Numerical Analysis*, the journal of *Linear Algebra* and the *Journal of Approximation Theory*. He was an excellent communicator of mathematics; his lectures were always inspiring and often punctuated with amusing anecdotes from his vast repertoire of jokes. Dick's 25 Ph.D. students as well as his many collaborators had the good fortune to witness his deep excitement about

mathematics—an excitement that was truly contagious. He was a dear friend to many of us on the Editorial Board and will be sorely missed.

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