



Fredric W. Tufte

November 8, 1942 - May 17, 2023

Fredric W. Tufte, 80, of Platteville, WI, passed away Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at Southwest Health Center in Platteville.

Fredric was born Nov. 8, 1942, in Seattle, WA, son of Oswald and Loal (Johnson) Tufte. He graduated high school in North Dakota before obtaining his Bachelor's Degree from University of N. Dakota, Master's Degree from University of Missouri and eventually his PhD in Mathematics from University of Wisconsin. Fredric married Marilyn Zanardi at St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain on Aug. 12, 1972. They lived in Platteville for many years. Fredric retired as a professor of math at UW Platteville.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Marilyn; a brother, Jon (Catherine) Tufte of Fargo, ND; a sister, Gail (Robert) Shepler of S. Winter, CT; and several nieces and nephews.

Private graveside services will be held at the Lakeview Cemetery in Calumet, MI.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Fredric W. Tufte online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of

Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Lake View Cemetery

Calumet, MI

Tribute Wall

BC

“ Rick was chair of the Math Department when I was hired at UW-Platteville over 20 years ago. He was literally the first person to welcome me to the faculty. In addition, he was the Governor of the Wisconsin Section of the MAA, and encouraged me to become involved with the Section, which I did. He exemplified good teaching, care for his colleagues, and calm humor in the face of adversity. Thank you, Rick. Rest in peace.

Ben Collins - May 29, 2023 at 08:56 AM

CF

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Cinda Furry - May 26, 2023 at 05:27 PM

CF

“ I had the honor of working for Rick Tufte in the UWP Mathematics Department and would like to share some memories of Rick:

-He was a generous and kind person, always ready to lend a helping hand.

-He helped many students throughout his career as a professor and chair at the UWP Mathematics Department. Students always enjoyed his classes and his office hours, and he was an inspiration to them.

-He started the annual UWP Mathematics Contest 50 years ago.

-He contributed to the mathematics community in many ways. He served on the Mathematics Association of America Board of Governors, was a member of the Wisconsin Mathematics Council and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. He received an award for meritorious service from the MAA. He was a reader for Advanced Placement Calculus.

-He was a very good writer and storyteller. He always shared a fun story to brighten the day. Ollie, their cat, was the subject of many stories.

-He was an avid collector of Great Northern Train memorabilia and enjoyed train trips with Marilyn.

-Marilyn was the light of his life, and they were devoted to each other.

Marilyn, his was a life well lived.
My sympathy, Cinda

Cinda Furry - May 26, 2023 at 04:55 PM



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“ *Marilyn,
I am very sorry to hear of Rick's death. I will never forget your comment that it was a privilege to care for him.
God bless you and may he rest in peace.*

Shane Drefcinski - May 25, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ *Marilyn, I am so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. Your neighbor, Kim Sargent*

Kim Sargent - May 25, 2023 at 02:33 PM

TL

“ I am sorry to hear of Fred's passing. He was a devoted teacher and touched many students as well as others. Our thoughts are with his devoted wife. God bless you!

Thomas Lindahl - May 25, 2023 at 02:22 PM

VD

“ Marilyn,
May your thoughts and memories comfort you during this difficult time. Prayers to you and your family.
Vickie Dreessens

Vickie Dreessens - May 25, 2023 at 02:14 PM

IU

“ Dear Marilyn,
We are so sorry for your loss. Rick was gracious and kind toward us. I always recall a smiling face when I think about him. May he rest in peace. Our prayers for you and family in this hard time. Irfan, Miyeon and Abdulhaq (our son).



Irfan Ulhaq - May 25, 2023 at 01:52 PM

JS

Dear Marilyn,
Rebecca and I are so sorry for your loss. I know that in the math department, even though Rick retired many years ago, we still feel the benefit of the work he did here, especially as our chair. All our best wishes to you and your family.

James Swenson - May 25, 2023 at 01:59 PM

JW

Dear Marilyn. I was so sorry to hear of Fred's passing. He was much beloved by his students and colleagues. My fondest memories are traveling with Fred and a panel of young women in the STEM fields to Green Lake each Spring. He was incredibly supportive of our women students and encouraged them to tell the Mathematics teachers of their struggles.

Best wishes to you and your family. Hold the good memories close.

Joanne Wilson

Joanne Wilson - May 25, 2023 at 03:15 PM

SW

Dear Marilyn, I was very sorry to learn of Rick's death. I remember he always had a big smile and a warm welcome for everyone.

Best wishes. I will hold you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Scott White

Scott White - May 25, 2023 at 04:31 PM

MK

Marilyn, My sympathy to you at this difficult time. Praying for you and your family.

Marge Karsten - May 25, 2023 at 09:20 PM

RV

Dear Marilyn, we are saddened by the news of Rick's passing. We know that you will carry the memories and love you shared throughout your years together in your heart.

-- Mick & Rhonda Viney

Rhonda Viney - May 26, 2023 at 02:29 PM

KH

Marilyn, my deepest condolences on your loss. You were a couple to aspire to. Keeping you in our thoughts.

Kari Hill - May 30, 2023 at 11:33 AM

ST

*Dear Marilyn,
Today I heard Rick's passing from one of our friends in Platteville. I am so sorry to hear the news and of your loss. It brought back the memories of our friendship and 34 years we worked together at UW-Platteville. As a matter of fact Rick was the person who spotted me at The Timbers as I was having dinner , the evening before the start of Fall, 1968 semester. He was the first faculty member who welcomed me to Platteville.
Please accept my heartfelt sympathy and condolences.*

*Shiv Tandon
June 12 at 10:30 PM*

Shiv Tandon - June 12, 2023 at 11:44 PM

EJ

*Even though his Calculus I class was the first college course in which I fell asleep in, there was something great the way he pieced all the abstract math issues together. I was lucky.
I was also lucky to have taken a course by his great partner who back then called her class/lab the DMZ.*

Good people; Edward Joehnk Class of 72'

EDWARD J JOEHNK - September 20, 2023 at 06:14 PM