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IN MEMORIAM
WILLIAM WERNER BOONE
1920–1983

This issue of the Illinois Journal of Mathematics is dedicated to the memory of William Werner Boone, who was born in Cincinnati in 1920 and died in Chicago in 1983, and the bulk of whose working life, from 1958 onwards, was spent at the University of Illinois. By the mathematical world at large, Bill will be remembered for his fundamental contributions to the area between algebra and logic, and especially for his construction of a finitely presented group with unsolvable word problem. By his friends, he is remembered for the meticulous honesty of his work, for his devotion to the several strands of cultural tradition which link us to the past, for his generous appreciation of the work of others, whether teachers, colleagues, or students, and for a certain singularity of character which made him always unpredictably and unmistakably himself. We miss him; and in love and in sorrow we offer this tribute.

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