

I was very saddened to hear about Prof. Wu Wen-Tsun's departure from earth today morning. I was looking forward to the commemoration of his 100th birthday, I owe a special debt to Prof. Wu Wen-Tsun. Among many things, I learned from Prof. Wu

1. Importance of ancient constructive methods in mathematics and logic and learning from history.
2. Intertwining of algebra and logic, and how they have influenced each other throughout human history and perhaps they are the same.

My discussions with Prof. Wu during his visit in 1986 to GE Corporate Research and Development, Schenectady, NY, where I worked then as a researcher, changed my thinking about automated reasoning. My desire to learn about algebra and constructive methods was deepened.

Both my wife Prof. Roli Varma and I have very fond memories of Prof. Wu and his smiling face. He invited me to visit China in the summer of 1992. Ever since I have emotionally felt myself as a part of Prof. Wu's research enterprise on mathematics mechanization leading to several collaborations with his former students.

During our last lunch meeting in September 2013 when both my wife and I were on sabbatical in China, Prof. Wu was very happy to learn that our daughter Ila Kapur Varma was studying number theory at Princeton. He wrote best wishes for her in Chinese on the back of a Peking Duck card.

Prof. Wu will be greatly missed. He will always stay in our memories.

Our deep condolences to Prof. Wu's family, friends and associates.

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