

Obituary

C. GILBERT NOREN
ROBERT T. WISEMAN

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C. Gilbert Noren, assistant actuary of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, died May 1, 1970, after a brief illness. A native of Bridgeport, Connecticut, he graduated from Wesleyan University in 1950. He joined the Prudential in June of that year, becoming a Fellow of the Society in 1956.

Mr. Noren chose group insurance as the field in which to make his career. He made important contributions at both the company and trade association levels in the development of new group insurance coverages, such as survivor benefits, long-term disability, and major medical. He was a member of the task force which developed the co-ordination of benefits concept.

It is, however, as an individual that Mr. Noren will be missed most by his associates. The power of his keen intelligence repeatedly enabled him to strike through the morass of complicated problems to reach an uncomplicated solution. His innovative and imaginative approaches to actuarial problems constantly added zest to the daily work routine. His open and enthusiastic approach to living were consistent with his deep belief in individualism. He was completely at home and at ease with all kinds of people, both inside and outside the profession, and was gifted in the art of good conversation. Whether celebrating his newly won Fellowship at the Greenbrier, experiencing the joys of music at Tanglewood, or camping at Cape Cod with his son, Mr. Noren always enriched the lives of those around him.

Married earlier this year to the former Rosemary Hennahane, he is survived by her and by his three children.

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Robert T. Wiseman, a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, died on Friday, May 8, 1970. He was in his sixty-fifth year and recently retired from Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada after forty years of service.

Mr. Wiseman was born April 11, 1906, at Wiseman's Corners, Parry Sound, Ontario, a village named after his grandfather, who was one of the original settlers. He attended Queens University, Kingston, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree. In 1930 he joined the mathematical department at Sun Life's head office in Montreal. Transferring to the actuarial department in 1936, he subsequently was appointed assistant mathematician and in 1948 was appointed supervisor of planning. From that time his energy and ability were devoted to the development and improvement of the company's systems.

Indeed, Mr. Wiseman was one of the pioneers in the application of computers to the life insurance business in North America, and he was widely known and respected throughout the industry for his efforts in this regard. Appointed planning officer of Sun Life in 1954, he was responsible for much of the work leading up to the installation of Sun Life's first electronic system in 1958. The subsequent adaptation of all the company's systems to computers stemmed largely from his conceptual leadership.

Mr. Wiseman had an extraordinarily wide variety of interests not only in the realm of mathematics and science but in handiwork, carpentry, and nature lore, to name only a few. He was held in the highest regard by his many friends and associates as a warmhearted and good-natured associate. One of his keenest interests was boating. He was a member of the Iroquois Yacht Club. The son of a minister, he was himself a keen churchman and an active member of St. Luke's United Church.

He is survived by his widow, six children, four sisters, and a brother.