

Emerson, key state estimator, is dead

Jarvin Emerson, whose expertise in the key field of economic forecasting served the state of Kansas for more than three decades, died Saturday morning at Memorial Hospital. He was 60.

A professor of economics at Kansas State University by profession, Mr. Emerson was perhaps best known for his extensive work since 1965 with numerous state agencies in predicting revenue streams. He was the author of the Governor's Economic Report, and served for many years on the Consensus Revenue Estimating panel, whose estimates told top state officials whether their budget-related actions would or would not produce the funds that were deemed sufficient to keep state government solvent.

Legislative experts who worked with the consensus esti-

mates often praised the accuracy of the panel's work in reflect-

ing the actual revenues that accrued to the state.

Born April 22, 1935, in Watertown, S. Dak., M. Jarvin Emerson had been a resident of Manhattan since 1962, living with his wife, Anne, at 2922 Nevada. Holder of degrees from Luther College and the University of Iowa, he earned his doctorate in economics from the University of Iowa in 1963, and served briefly on the faculty at Baker University before coming to K-State.

A former department head and the director of graduate studies at the time of his death, Mr. Emerson had been a visiting professor-scholar at Harvard, UCLA, the University of Arizona, Queensland University in Australia and Xiamen University in China. He was the author or co-author of more than 80 publi-



M. JARVIN EMERSON
 Prominent economist

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cations, many in the field of revenue forecasting.

He married the former Anne Natvig on Dec. 27, 1958, in Mankato, Minn., and she survives. Other survivors include two daughters, Kari Emerson, of Silverthorne, Colo., and Lori Emerson, of Shoreview, Minn.; two sons, Kent Emerson, of Silverthorne, Colo., and Mark Emerson, of Fort Collins, Colo.; and a brother, Owen Emerson of West St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. Emerson was a member and past council member of the First Lutheran Church. He was a member of the Rotary Club, American Economic Association, Midwest Economic Associ-

ation, International Regional Science Association, Mid-Continent Research and Development Council, Mid-Continent Regional Science Association, and other professional groups.

The family will receive friends from 7 until 8:30 p.m. Monday at the Edwards-Yorgensen-Meloan Funeral Home. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the First Lutheran Church with Rev. Dr. Keith Wiens officiating. Burial will follow in Sunrise Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the M. Jarvin Emerson Memorial Fund for Kansas State University, First Lutheran Church or Luther College of Decorah, Iowa. Contributions may be left in care of the funeral home.

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Dr. M. Jarvin Emerson

MANHATTAN — Dr. M. Marvin Emerson, 60, Manhattan, died Saturday, March 16, 1996, at a hospital here.

He was born April 22, 1935, in Watertown, S.D., the son of Morelle Jarvin and Agnes Hanson Emerson. He received a BA degree from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, in 1957 and an MA degree in economics from the University of Iowa in Iowa City in 1960. He was an assistant professor at Baker University in Baldwin from 1960 to 1962.

He moved to Manhattan in 1962 and was a professor of economics at Kansas State University. He had served as department head and currently was director of graduate studies. He had received a PhD degree in economics from the University of Iowa in 1963.

Dr. Emerson had been a visiting professor or visiting scholar at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., University of California in Los Angeles, University of Arizona in Tucson, Queensland University in Australia and Xiamen University in China. He had served as the major professor or more than 30 doctoral degree students. He had served as a consultant for state agencies in Kansas and Texas.

He was a member of First Lutheran Church in Manhattan where he served on the council. He was a member of the Rotary Club, American Economic Association, Midwest Economic Association, International Regional Science Association and Mid-Continent Research and Development Council.

He was married to Anne H. Natvig Dec. 7, 1958, in Mankato, Minn. She survives. Other survivors include two daughters, Kari Emerson, Silverthorne, Colo., and Lori Emerson, Shoreview, Minn.; two sons, Kent Emerson, Silverthorne, Colo., and Mark Emerson, Fort Collins, Colo.; and a brother, Owen Emerson, West St. Paul, Minn.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at First Lutheran Church in Manhattan. Burial will be in Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan. Relatives and friends will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. today at Edwards-Yorgensen-Meloan Funeral Home in Manhattan.

Contributions may be made to the M. Jarvin Emerson Memorial Fund for Kansas State University or to First Lutheran Church, both in Manhattan, or to Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN March 19, 1996

DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES IN ECONOMICS DIED AT AGE 60

Jarvin Emerson, a prominent economist and K-State director of graduate studies in economics, died Saturday morning at Memorial Hospital at the age of 60.

Emerson was a respected economic adviser since 1965, predicting revenue streams as the author of the Governor's Economic Report and on the Consensus Revenue Estimating Panel and authored or co-authored approximately 80 publications.

He received his bachelor's

degree from Luther College in 1957 in mathematics and business administration, his master's degree from the University of Iowa in 1960 in economics, and his doctorate from the University of Iowa in 1963, also in economics.

Prior to coming to K-State, he was an assistant professor at Baker University in Baldwin from 1960-1962 and later served as the department head in economics at K-state.

Born in Watertown, S.D., April

22, 1935, he had lived in Manhattan since 1962 with his wife of 37 years Anne Natvig.

Other survivors include two sons, Kent Emerson, Silverthorne, Colo., and Mark Emerson, Fort Collins, Colo.; two daughters, Kari Emerson, Silverthorne, Colo., and Lori Emerson, Shoreview; and a brother, Owen Emerson, West St. Paul, Minn.