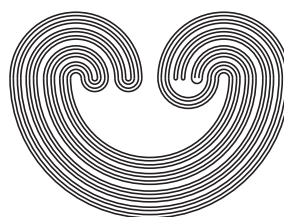


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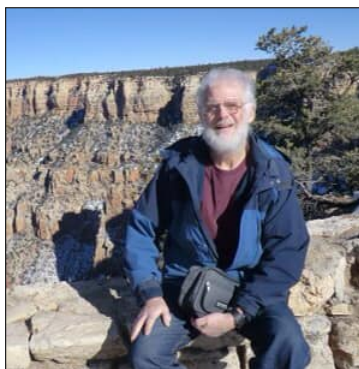
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Professor Ralph David Kopperman died on February 6, 2021 at the age of 78, a victim of the SARS-Covid-2 pandemic. He will be greatly missed, most dearly by his wife Connie and his five adult children, but also by the wider mathematical and computer science communities and his many co-authors (MathSciNet lists 58 of these), including, of course, the three authors of this article of remembrance.

Ralph earned his Ph.D. in Mathematics from MIT in 1965 and came to the City College of New York in 1967, where he continued to teach even after his retirement in 2013. Besides topology, Ralph had a wide variety of interests, beginning with logic (on which he wrote his thesis and a graduate level text), analysis, psychology (M.A. CCNY, 1984), computer science, physics, astronomy, movies, bicycling, hiking, and most aspects of nature. Within topology he focused primarily on digital topology, asymmetric topology, generalized metrics, and spaces of ideals.

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