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and his joy in the world—in his own and other's activities—was evident to all who met him.

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Richard Nicholas Work, professor of physics at Arizona State University died 15 February 1984, after an extended illness.

Work was born in 1921 in Ithaca. New York. He received BA, MS and PhD degrees from Cornell University; Herni Sack supervised his doctoral work in the then-new field of polymer physics. His professional career included positions at the National Bureau of Standards and Princeton University; he was an assistant and associate professor at Pennsylvania State University from 1956 until 1965, when he moved to Arizona State University. While at Arizona State, Work served as assistant and associate dean of the college of liberal arts, and as chairman of the physics department (1977-81). He was a fellow of the American Physical Society and of the AAAS.

His research interests from his days at Cornell centered on the mechanical and dielectric properties of polymers. He was active in both experimental and theoretical studies of the details of dielectric relaxation phenomena in mixtures of polar and nonpolar polymers, contributing extensively to this field over many years.

Work was a generous, consistent and modest physicist. He contributed substantially to Arizona State during a very important period of its growth, and he is greatly missed by his colleagues.

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