

Vasile Ene 1957–1998



Vasile Ene was born on July 9, 1957 in Ploiești, Romania. He served in the Romanian army from September 1977 until May 1978 rising to the rank of sergeant in the artillery. He then began his university level mathematics education at the University of Bucharest in Romania. In 1979 he married Gabriela Ene, who was also studying mathematics. She became a primary school teacher of mathematics in 1982. In that same year Vasile received his *Diplomă de licență în Matematică, specializarea Matematică* (the equivalent of a Bachelor of Science degree) from the University of Bucharest. From September 1982 until August, 1991 he was employed as a mathematics teacher at the primary school in the village of 23 August in the district of Constanța, Romania. He began his studies for a doctorate degree in mathematics in February of 1990. In September 1991, he took leave of his position at the primary school for a one year appoint-

ment as a Graduate Teaching Assistant and graduate student in the Department of Mathematics at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, USA. Upon his return to Romania he continued his studies receiving his *Diplomă de Doctor în Matematici* in May of 1993 having written a thesis entitled, “Monotonicity Theorems for Real Functions of a Real Variable” under the direction of Professor Solomon Marcus. In October of 1992 he secured a position as a Lecturer in the Department of Mathematics of the “Ovidius” University of Constanța where he taught courses in functional analysis and real analysis. In October of 1996 he was elevated to the rank of conferențiar, which is roughly equivalent to that of Associate Professor and two years later was promoted to the rank of Professor.

Professor Ene published 42 articles, most of them in the *Real Analysis Exchange* and was working on others when he died. His wife has completed some of those and has submitted them for publication. In addition, he wrote a book entitled, “Real Functions – Current Topics” which was published in the Springer series, Lecture Notes in Mathematics, as number 1603.

In early November, 1998, Vasile became ill with the flu. He went to the hospital on November 9 where he developed encephalitis and died on November 11, 1998. He was, by any

measure, a very productive mathematician. Those who knew him well will remember him for his warmth and sense of humor. We will all miss him.