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Preface

A venerated leader in the field of geometry and a beloved teacher, Professor Shiing-Shen Chern passed away in 2004, at the age of 93.

In the spring of 2005, the Journal of Differential Geometry Conference, held annually at Harvard University, was dedicated in his honor, and attended by many of his friends, his former students, and even his son, who came from far away to be present at the conference. There were several talks related to his lifelong work in geometry and topology, as well as lectures given on new contributions to these fields.

The conference was a great success, and Professor Chern would have loved to see most of his students and friends gathered in memory of him.

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