

Passings: Edward Chupp, Space Scientist and Solar Physicist

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Prof. Edward Chupp, a pioneer in space and solar physics, died Feb. 21 at the age of 89.

Chupp was a professor at UNH from 1962 until his retirement in 2007. He also held several guest positions at research institutions in Australia and China and at the Max Planck institute for Extraterrestrial Physics in Munich, Germany. At UNH, he established the solar physics group that became the best in the country, according to his Livermore colleague Hans Mark, who served as deputy administrator of NASA.

Chupp's group focused its efforts on detecting gamma rays, the signatures of nuclear reactions in the cosmos, and Chupp was

principal investigator for two gamma-ray spectrometers placed on NASA solar satellites.

Chupp received his doctorate in physics at the University of California, Berkeley, where he worked on detecting cosmic rays. He is survived by his sons Timothy and Geoffrey Chupp, daughter Christine Greenwood and eight grandchildren.

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