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Homage to Professor Witold ŻABIŃSKI

Almost a year has passed since an unexpected decease of Professor Witold Żabiński (1929–2007), our unforgotten colleague and one of the most eminent Polish mineralogists. Our dear Friend was for 34 years the editor-in-chief of *Mineralogia Polonica*. Therefore, it is quite comprehensible that this official periodical of the Mineralogical Society of Poland is considered as His “child”, always treated by Witold with particular affection.

The authors of this volume, representing all the centers of mineralogical sciences in Poland, would like to pay homage to this exceptional man and scientist of unusually deep human personality. The character of these papers reflects very wide scientific interests of Prof. Żabiński, ranging from classical mineralogy to physics of minerals to geochemistry and practical application of clay and other minerals.

It is a great pity that the present volume of our periodical is dedicated not to celebrate further significant achievements of Witold Żabiński in various branches of mineralogical sciences but to commemorate His great merits to Polish mineralogy.

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