Nobuyuki Tanaka 1937-1991

Noby Tanaka, scientist and international research collaborator at the Los Alamos Meson Physics Facility (LAMPF) died on 23 February after a brief illness.

Noby came to LAMPF in 1969 after a doctorate from Tufts and became a key member of the High Resolution Spectrometer team. He subsequently joined in many collaborations on HRS and other LAMPF spectrometers, especially in the face of difficult challenges, such as mounting polarized targets in the spectrometers, and Noby's role brought him the friendship and esteem of colleagues from abroad. Subsequently he worked on polarized target experiments at Fermilab and was involved in planning for spin physics at the UNK machine being built at the Soviet Institute for High Energy Physics, Serpukhov. LAMPF founder Louis Rosen said 'Noby's death leaves an empty place in our hearts as well as our plans'.