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Obituary (from the periodical “UMassAmherst”: News & Media Relations, Dated June 19, 2015):
William A. Nash, 85, of South Hadley, died May 21 [2008], professor emeritus of Civil Engineering, [University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Born in Chicago, Ill., he graduated valedictorian of Illinois Institute of Technology in civil and mechanical engineering in 1944. He received his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering in 1949 from the University of Michigan.
From 1949-54, he was a research engineer at the Naval Ship Research and Development Center in Washington, D.C. From 1953-57, he served as a structural researcher at Bethesda Naval Institute, where he participated in the deepest recorded, and still classified, naval dive and reverse engineering of recovered Soviet submarines off the coast of Norway.
He was the author of “Strength of Materials,” an engineering textbook that sold over 1 million copies in nine languages, and served as a founder and editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Non-Linear Mechanics. A prolific writer, he drafted all on his trusty manual 1920s Underwood typewriter, including his last book on construction of non-classified civilian submarines and other hydrostatically loaded structures.
He was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, International Association for Shell and Spatial Structures and the American Society of Engineering Education.
In 1961, he received the Curtis W. McGraw Research Award for engineering college research. He was elected a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in 1972. In 1988, he received the Alexander von Humboldt award (senior U.S. scientist) for his work at the Technical University of Darmstadt, Germany. In 1997, he received a professional achievement award from Illinois
Institute of Technology Alumni Association. He served as an honorary professor of engineering at Shanghai University of Technology in China for his work on seismology.

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