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PROFESSOR ION VĂDUVA – A MAN WITH DEDICATION, WISDOM, COMPASSION

On July 11th, we bid farewell to a remarkable individual, Professor Emeritus and esteemed mathematician, Dr. Ion Văduva, who graced the halls of the University of Bucharest with his profound knowledge and passion for teaching. His departure leaves a void in our hearts, but his legacy will endure through the countless lives he touched. May he ever rest in peace.

I first encountered Professor Văduva as a student in my fourth year of college. Over the years, our relationship evolved – from student to doctoral candidate, and ultimately to a cherished friendship and trusted mentorship. It was through this deepening bond that our families became closely connected, allowing me the privilege to witness the breadth of his roles beyond academia – as a loving husband, brother, father, and grandfather. His devotion to his family mirrored the compassion and dedication he extended to his students and colleagues.

As a doctoral supervisor at the University of Bucharest, Professor Văduva demonstrated an unwavering commitment to his students, offering guidance not only in academic pursuits but also in navigating the complexities of life itself. His generosity knew no bounds; he readily shared his time, knowledge, and personal library with those under his

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tutelage. Each return from an international academic venture would see him laden with valuable resources to aid the endeavors of his doctoral candidates.

I recall with admiration a particular instance where Professor Văduva intervened to dissuade two doctoral candidates from abandoning their studies in pursuit of societal advancement. Through his encouragement, they persevered, realizing the importance of seeing their academic pursuits through to completion – a testament to Professor Văduva's profound impact on his students' lives.

The mark of Professor Văduva's influence extends far beyond the classroom. Many of his former doctoral students have risen to positions of leadership (deans and vice-deans, rectors and vice-rectors, or department chairs) within universities both at home and abroad, as well as spearheading national and international scientific research projects.

His inherent kindness endeared him to all who had the privilege of knowing him, leaving an indelible imprint on our hearts. While we mourn his passing, let us also celebrate the remarkable life of Professor Ion Văduva – a man whose dedication, wisdom, compassion, and love enriched the lives of countless individuals.

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