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DAYTON, Ohio, March 16, 1970 --- Dr. Bernard J. Katchman, full professor of chemistry at the University of Dayton who would have been 53 May 2, died of a heart attack Saturday, March 14, in Dayton's Good Samaritan Hospital. He had suffered the attack at his home, 5359 Denise Drive, Friday evening.

Dr. Katchman, who had come to the University in the summer of 1967 after serving 10 years in the Miami Valley Hospital research department, had been teaching in the area of clinical chemistry at the University, having established a master's program in that area only last September. He recently had been devoting a great deal of his time to a proposal for a close relationship with the area hospitals in clinical chemistry. It was his hope that UD candidates for master's degrees in clinical chemistry would develop their thesis in the local hospitals.

Prior to his association with UD Dr. Katchman had done extensive research in leukemia, oxygen toxicity and nutritional studies. It was through this research that Dr. Katchman had come to the attention of Bro. John Lucier, S.M., Chairman of UD's Chemistry Department.

"Dr. Katchman's sudden death is a tremendous loss to the University of Dayton. I might even say the community," said Dr. Lucier. "We had been making great strides with our faculty over the past few years and Dr. Katchman, who had a distinguished career as a biochemist, had added tremendous expertise to our department and the university. He will not be easily replaced. We are deeply shocked by his death."

Dr. Katchman, who is chairman of the Ohio Valley Association of Clinical Chemists, had first come to Dayton in 1951 to be associated with Monsanto's Mound Laboratory, biology division. When the division was closed in 1955 he moved to the Chemical Proving Grounds, Dugway, Utah.

He had served as Associate Director of Research of Miami Valley Hospital from 1957 until his employment at UD.

Dr. Katchman, born in Brooklyn, New York, May 2, 1917, received his B.A. in Chemistry from New York University in 1938, his M.S. in Chemistry from the same university in 1942 and his Ph.D. in Chemistry from Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn in 1950.

He served as a teaching Fellow at New York University, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, and the University of Wisconsin.

He was a member of the American Chemical Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, New York Academy of Sciences, the American Association of Clinical Chemists, and Sigma Xi.

Dr. Katchman wrote 49 professional papers and had been serving as a consultant with other universities throughout the country on the establishment of advanced clinical chemical programs, using UD's program as a guide. Dr. Katchman had recently participated in a research program which dealt with the applying of engineering techniques to the study of heart muscles. The American Heart Association, the National Institute of Health and the U.S. Navy had granted \$51,000 to the research program.