

HONOURABLE MADAM PROFESSOR,
DEAR NINA,

It is very painful to say farewell to someone as close, warm-hearted and important in one's life as YOU were to us, my dear Nina. It's a very sad day filled with deep grief for all the academic community, for all your colleagues and friends. The latter is a very large circle, as you were really open to interpersonal relations and highly committed to social activity.

What made you special was your prodigious scientific works and impressive teaching achievements, as well as your astonishing activity in the academic circles and public life. Moreover, you were an internationally recognized scientific authority. I know you were an active member of the Government Population Council for many years and you contributed a lot to it, promoting demographic awareness and the analysis of population development in Poland and other countries. Your participation was instrumental in the organization and successful delivery of the two Demographic Congresses, which inspired a wide public debate on the demographic prospects for Poland. You were also very close to public statistics, supporting any activity related to methodology, research quality, propagation of their works, and building the knowledge on statistics (as the member of the Scientific Statistical Council, too).

With all the academic success you remained a very warm-hearted, kind person willing to offer support to whoever needed it. Your advice, encouragement and tips were a great motivation for us to take firm decisions and follow them up for real. The combination of your brains, brilliance, and talent with a really friendly personality made you a unique person in your interpersonal relations – in business, with colleagues or with friends. I have had a chance to experience it many times. You always showed understanding for our problems and you had never refused to support us. Working with you was a great pleasure and honour but being your colleague and friend is a real distinction.

Let me thank you again for what you did for the academic community and all of us – your colleagues and friends. Thanks you so much, dear Nina!

We bid farewell to a distinguished academic, a prominent demographer and statistician, and a remarkable person that was always kind and eager to help. That's

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the person we had known and will remember. We'll miss you and the void you leave behind is and will be aching. We will never forget you and you will be in our hearts forever.

Professor Janusz Witkowski

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