

In Memoriam



Guido Noselli
1946–2006

Guido Noselli, AES member, died on Friday, December 1, 2006, after a long illness. He was 60 years old. The founder and chairman of Outline, an Italian pro audio manufacturer, Noselli held 50 patents in acoustics: compression drivers and loudspeaker systems for sound designers. His patents and unconventional ideas received recognition and were published in the “bibles” of the trade press.

Noselli happily shared his experience and knowledge. Whoever listened to or read what he had to say

(from youngsters to seasoned professionals) was immediately struck by the passion with which he spoke.

The company has received hundreds of e-mails and telegrams from all over the world. The following thoughts are a sampling of sentiments written by those who knew him personally and professionally.

Guido was the ideal combination of intelligence, humanity, and generosity. He was naturally magnanimous and generous with everybody, without expecting anything particular in return. When he received something for himself in exchange—however small or symbolic—he was so filled with gratitude as to be embarrassed and even moved.

Among his employees and collaborators, he was considered above all a paternal and reassuring figure. He spoke tenderly of “one big family” and without realizing it, assumed this responsibility with the diligence of a good father, with a sense of duty, even in hard times and at moments when discouragement could easily have taken hold.

Very strict with himself and with great tenacity and spirit of sacrifice, he sometimes became edgy when his sons and staff had problems tuning in to something

he already had clearly in his mind.

Even when concentrating on his work, he was deeply touched by human events, immediately stopping what he was doing to offer his help.

He would give first-hand help wherever it was needed. When he spoke about any topic, but particularly about pain, he seemed to have “heavenly inspiration.” His words were gentle and timeless. He seemed to talk to the divine part of people and his words deeply touched their spirit.

He went through his illness with exemplary dignity and discretion. Although he is no longer physically with us, he will live on in his teaching, his example, and his criticism—inevitable, but always correct—which he lovingly dispensed throughout his life.

His life was studded with thoughts and actions full of quality and humanity, on many occasions even going against his own interests, but inevitably with the common good in mind and satisfying others before himself.

He is survived by a son and daughter, who will take over as Outline’s leaders.

We thank him for the lesson of life he left us and miss him terribly.

Ciao Guido.