

## Comments about Vladimir L. Solovianov

A.D. Krisch

*Spin Physics Center  
University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1120 USA*

Vladimir L. Solovianov was my close collaborator and friend for 14 years until his death on 26 June 2001.

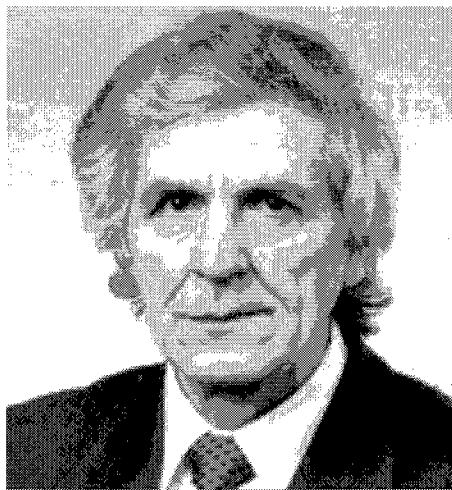
His death was very unusual in High Energy Physics, because he died “in the line of duty”. He apparently fell 6 meters from the top of the shielding while inspecting the installation of his latest experiment SPIN@U-70. I said apparently because he was first seen by one of his colleagues walking to his office with a broken leg and refusing help. I can recall a few other examples of people killed at High Energy Accelerators:

- a student was killed in the CEA explosion in the 1960's;
- a high voltage engineer was killed around 1970 at the ZGS.

However, I can recall no other leader of a large High Energy Physics group who ever died “in the line of duty”.

Since tomorrow is September 11, 2002, we can recall that many firemen's families received a posthumous medal for their heroic death “in the line of duty” just one year ago in nearby New York. Perhaps Vladimir's family should also receive such a medal.

Vladimir Solovianov was a physicist who was unusually capable, dedicated, hardworking, tough, and admirable. His death is a major loss to Spin Physics.



*Vladimir L. Solovianov 1940-2001.*