MATS GUSTAFSSON, 1960-2011
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Mats Gustafsson, one of the pillars of the Focus on Microscopy conference series, died on 17th April 2011, while FOM 2011 was in progress. It was the end of a long battle with a brain tumour – he was to have been the keynote speaker at FOM 2010 but even at that date was not well enough to travel. In my presentation I will do my best to sum up his life and achievements, but for this abstract I would like to put on record a message from his widow, Julie Sohl.

“Eva, Sten and I are so happy that FOM 2012 is dedicated to Mats. He looked forward to going to each FOM and always came home energized with new ideas. Mats loved all aspects of science and math—thinking about it, learning it and teaching it. Microscopy ended up being his niche. And fully exploring that niche was fun for him especially if it was a new problem to think about presented to him at a conference like FOM by one of you. He was a brilliant microscopist but what made him really special was that he was also generous with his knowledge and modest because he always knew that there is more to learn and understand.”

Julie Sohl

Mats Gustafsson in 2007