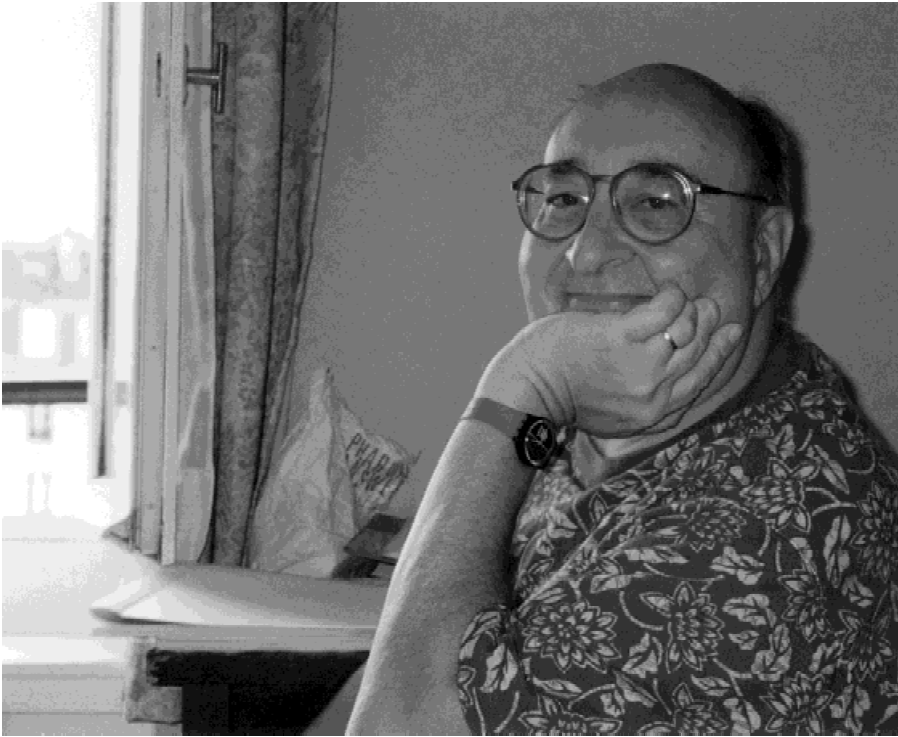


## Dedication

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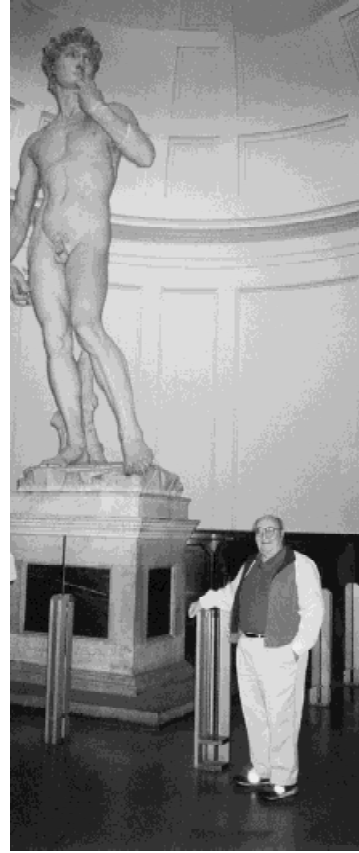
**David C. Thomsma**  
1939–2002

## *Dedication*

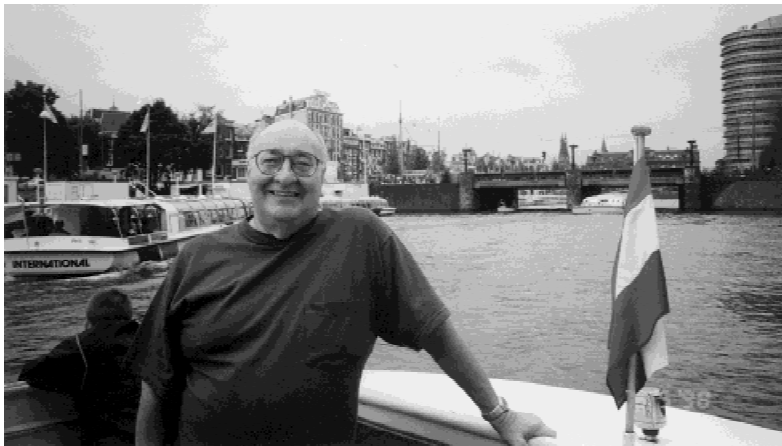
This issue of the journal had already been planned when CQ lost its own “first voice,” David Thomasma. David died unexpectedly on April 25, 2002, after undergoing surgery. The Special Section herein titled “First Voices,” with collected reminiscences of some early bioethics pioneers, had been David’s idea from beginning to end. As such, we had decided to deviate from our usual practice of a collaborative editorial and to have David offer a solo voice from the perspective of someone who intimately participated in molding the discipline. This issue of CQ, which we dedicate to him, was his last project.

To anyone familiar with modern bioethics, the work of David Thomasma should need little introduction. He was truly one of the titans of our discipline and time.

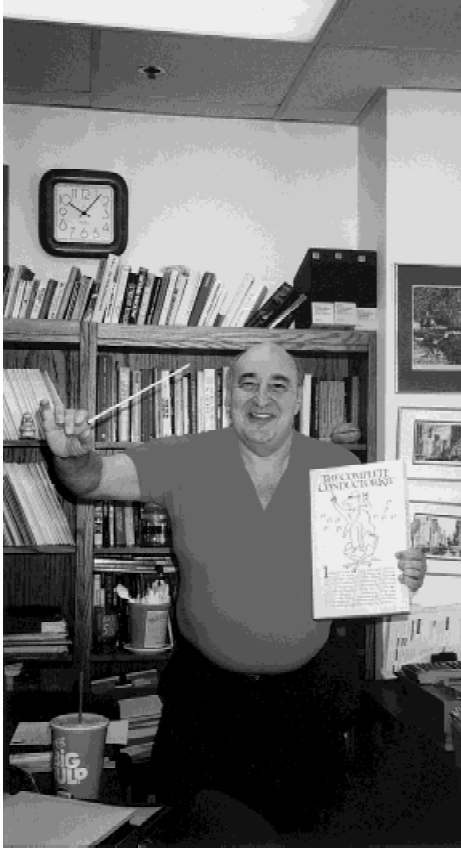
Yet, although David was a prodigious writer and renowned speaker, his contributions extend far beyond scholarly publications and theories. David unstintingly lived the credo of helping others to realize their potential. There are legions of professional bioethicists, practicing clinicians, and others who owe much of their knowledge and dedication—and perhaps even their initial interest in the field—to



Two Davids in Florence



David the sailor



David the conductor

David's influence. His goal was to create an international community of bioethicists working together, as he often said, "toward good human ends." He was unsurpassed in his efforts and successes in that regard. That is part of David's legacy.

For the many of us who were fortunate enough to know him personally, David was a source of not only inspiration but unrelenting warmth. David was the personification of his ideals, always encouraging, helpful, supportively challenging. An unknowable but immense number of patients benefited from his counsel and expertise, both directly when he was at the bedside and indirectly through his consultations, teachings, and writings. This is another part of David's legacy.

David was of course instrumental in the founding and continuation of *CQ*, and it's safe to say that the journal survived and thrived during the hazardous years of its infancy in no small part due to his prestige and efforts. We will not seek to replace David; the fact is, he is irreplaceable. But his work will continue through this journal as long as it is published. And that is one more part of the giant and lasting legacy of David Thomasma.



David and Doris