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Dear Ms Ritchie:

I was saddened to learn of Dennis' death last October. I think I too have a copy of his thesis somewhere in my office.

You probably have more information than I do. I recall some argument about some fee; however I was under the impression that either he finally paid it or someone paid it for him. Clearly

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I was wrong. However, he is listed as Phd Harvard 1968 in various non-authoritative web sources such as Wikipedia and the Mathematics Genealogy Project (which lists who was whose academic "child", i.e. thesis student), so I guess this memory lapse is not just mine. I also have a vague recollection that he did actually defend the thesis, so everything was done except the final filing.

Thank you for your email which brought back so many memories of my time at Harvard, both as student and assistant professor! I really admired Dennis who was one of the great computer scientists who I have been privileged to know during my own career.

Respectfully,

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