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On behalf of TEXT & TALK contributors, readers and the production team, with deep sadness I share the news about the recent deaths of Jacob L. Mey and John Wilson. Jacob passed away on 10th February 2023 at the ripe age of 96. John’s death on 7th January 2023 at the age of 68 was untimely and disquieting.

For many years, Jacob had been intimately linked with T&T, first as a member of the Advisory Board and then as part of the Specialist Board. His longstanding experience in journal editing translated effortlessly into wise words – whether writing review reports targeted at authors or offering general advice to me in the running of the journal. Jacob’s death leaves a scholarly void in the field of pragmatics, which is difficult to fill. No doubt he will remain a sustained source of inspiration for many in years to come.

John teamed up with me as co-editor of TEXT (before the change of title to TEXT & TALK) in 1998 and served in this role until 2002. The transition was a critical moment in the life of the journal and John’s uniquely lively ways of doing things – whether scholarly or unscholarly – made everything easy and palatable. His notable contributions in the field of pragmatics and his exemplary collegiality will remain with us.

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