Remembering Professor Emeritus Wynn R. Walker | College of Engineering

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July 1, 2019 — Wynn Walker, a USU Civil and Environmental Engineering Professor Emeritus and former associate dean for the College of Engineering, died Saturday, June 29.

College of Engineering Dean Jagath Kaluarachchi shared the following tribute with the university community Monday morning.

“On Saturday, we lost Dr. Wynn Walker who was a good friend, colleague and a champion of USU engineering. Wynn was head of the Irrigation Engineering Department for more than a decade and later served as the associate dean for academic affairs until his retirement a few years back. I had the fortune of working with Wynn for a number of years and always enjoyed his humor, hard work and his caring for the engineering students. Wynn was a well-known expert on irrigation engineering and graduated many local and international students who are scattered across the world serving in important positions. Dr. Walker’s wife, Lorraine, was a finance officer at USU until her retirement recently, and both of them have a true love for USU Aggies and are respected individuals in the Cache Valley and USU community. Our wishes and thoughts are with the Walker family.”

Memorial Services are tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 6 with a viewing on the evening of July 5.

Walker was an active irrigation engineering researcher. He directed international projects in Egypt, Thailand, Morocco, Ecuador, El Salvador, India and the Dominican Republic. He specialized in the design, simulation and evaluation of surface irrigation systems in the developing world. He created software systems for optimizing surface irrigation management which were implemented into the National Engineering Handbook by the US Department of Agriculture.

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