



Harry John Leamy III

July 23, 2008

Salem, S.C.—Harry John Leamy III, 67, died July 23, 2008 at his home in Salem, South Carolina.

Leamy, the son of Harry Leamy II and Myrtle (Hogue) Leamy was born in Alton, Illinois. He attended Roxana Schools.

A graduate of the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy in 1963, with a Ph.D. in metallurgy from the University of Iowa in 1967, Leamy spent one year as a post-doctoral fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Metallurgy in Stuttgart, Germany. In 1969 he joined Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill, N.J., and over two decades was awarded more than 40 patents in materials science, as well as receiving international recognition for his research into the properties of surfaces. He was president of the Materials Research Society during that group's formative years in the early 1980s. He was a long-time resident of Summit, N.J.

In 1989 Leamy was named head of AT&T Energy Systems Research & Development in Dallas, Texas. In 1992 he joined UNCC as a professor, associate dean of engineering and Director of the C.C. Cameron Applied Research Center. He was Emeritus Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Science, and Emeritus Professor of Physics at the University of

North Carolina, Charlotte, from which he retired in 2004. His twin brother, Larry who survives him, is a professor of biology at UNCC.

Leamy was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Janet Rhea Leamy, originally of Rosewood Heights, Ill.

In addition to his twin brother Larry (Donna) Leamy is survived by his wife, Eileen; his son, Harry John (Emily) Leamy IV of Maplewood, N.J.; his daughters, Jennifer Rhea Leamy of New York City and Jillian (Chris) Leamy-Brooks of Indian Trail, N.C.; his brothers, Patrick (Jeanne) MacLeamy of Novato, CA and Donald (Jean) Leamy of Ventura, CA; his sisters-in-law, Judy Broughton of Memphis, TN, Jackie Gaddy of Godfrey, IL and Joyce Middleton of Short Hills, NJ; his brothers-in-law, Wes Rhea of Naperville, IL and Timothy Middleton of Short Hills; a grandson, Finn Rhea Leamy; two step-daughters, Phaedra and Jessmin Call; and nieces and nephews.

Leamy will be memorialized at a Mass at Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church in Pickens, SC on Saturday, August 2, 2008. In lieu of flowers, the Leamy family asks that donations be made to Food for the Poor.

Tribute Wall



“ *Harry John Leamy III*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *My family and I send our condolences and prayers. I have very warm memories of your dad. He was a very nice man, and I am truly sorry for your loss.*

Sincerely,

Stephanie Daly Rutledge

(former Summit resident)###imported-begin##Stephanie Daly Rutledge###imported-end##

December 08, 2008 at 09:05 PM



“ *My condolences to the Leamy family. Harry was a fine colleague at UNCC for a number of years.###imported-begin##Jack B. Evett###imported-end##*

August 05, 2008 at 12:21 PM



“ Harry was a couple years senior to me when we were at Bell Labs through the 70s. We worked closely together as volunteers for the Materials Research Society. I can say with immense gratitude that it was Harry's mentorship that pushed and dragged me into many productive years of volunteer work. There remains much evidence still of the seminal influence he had on the fortunes of MRS. Although we had not been in touch for some time, I can't count how often I would come to a decision point over the years and ask myself, "What would Harry do?" His passing saddens me greatly and I can only say that it seems the best of us leave too soon.##imported-begin##Elton Kaufmann##imported-end##

August 05, 2008 at 10:50 AM



“ I was saddened to learn of Harry's passing. My prayers are with your family.

Harry had a profound effect on my professional life. In 1986, he offered me my first "real" job in the Battery Development Department at Bell Labs. He was an outstanding mentor for a new college graduate. Due to his management encouragement and the support of the team he put together, I pursued and achieved my Master's Degree in Computer Science while maintaining the battery test facility in Murray Hill. It was life changing experience, thanks Harry!##imported-begin##Theresa Zappulla##imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 08:43 AM



“ *To Harry and Larry's Families*

Please accept my heartfelt condolences at the news of Harry's passing. May God be with you all at this most difficult time and always.

Your former childhood neighbor,

Judy Reydon EIFakir

formerly of Staff House #10

Shell Roxana##imported-begin##Judy Reydon EIFakir##imported-end##

August 03, 2008 at 04:20 AM



“ *Your family is in my prayers. Being a Roxana native, I definitely remember the Leamy family from out Roxana High School days.*

Your family can be most proud of Harry's contribution to life.

Concolences from the class of '57##imported-begin##Joan Burnett Goskie##imported-end##

August 02, 2008 at 10:04 AM