



Hans Roehrig

November 29, 1934 - July 2, 2020

It is with great sadness that we announce that Hans Roehrig passed away at the age of 85 on July 2nd, 2020.

Hans was born on November 29th, 1934 in Giessen, Germany. After earning a Masters Degree and Ph.D. from the University of Giessen in Physics he moved to the United States in 1967 to initially work for the U.S. Army Night Vision Lab at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He met his wife Tere in Washington, D.C. and they married on November 29th, 1975. Hans and Tere eventually settled in Tucson, Arizona where Hans began to work as a Research Associate Professor in the University Arizona Department of Radiology & Optical Sciences. Hans was eventually promoted to Professor in 1990 while becoming a world-renowned expert in the field of medical imaging.

Hans and Tere also raised a son, Alex (38) in addition to being the loving parents of many dogs along the way. We will always remember Hans' booming laugh, friendly demeanor, his love for travel, the many cook outs in the backyard of his home and all of the wonderful slide shows he was famous for.

Hans is survived by his wife Tere, son Alex, daughter-in-law Amanda and grandson Enzo.

The funeral service for Hans has been scheduled at the chapel at Evergreen Mortuary & Cemetery, 3015 N Oracle Rd, Tucson, AZ 85705, on July 31st, 2020 at 9:00a. Due to COVID-19 restrictions on attendance we kindly ask for those interested to participate in the service to do so through Zoom. For those interested please contact Alex Roehrig at h.a.roehrig@gmail.com for the link.

In lieu of donations for flowers, our family kindly suggests a donation to a scholarship fund at the University of Arizona Department of Medical Imaging. More details to follow.

To ensure the health and safety of our community, we are following all guidelines set by

local, state and CDC officials.

Events

JUL **Service** 09:00AM

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Evergreen Mortuary

3015 North Oracle Road, Tucson, AZ, US, 85705

Comments



“ My heartfelt condolences to Tere. I first met Hans in 1977 when I was a long-haired punk writing software for Don Fisher in Sol Nudelman's Radiology Research Laboratory at what was then the UofA's Arizona Medical Center (AMC). I have fond memories of his laugh - his desk piled high with research papers and if you asked on a topic he could reach into a pile and pull out a paper on that topic. "A clean desk is the sign of a sick mind". We shared memories of travels to Japan. After I left Arizona in 2005 to go into DoD Industry work Krisellen and I would run into Hans & Tere at the Safeway on Ina when Krisellen and I would be in Tucson for our annual Christmas pilgrimage to the desert. Hans was part of a special pantheon of leaders like Sol Nudelman whom Dr. M. Paul Capp brought to establish the Radiology Research Lab with the vision of creating Digital Radiology. I was fortunate to have Sol and Hans to mentor me, along with George Seeley and a cadre of talented research engineers to create digital subtraction angiography, contribute to the ACR-NEMA and DICOM standards for digital radiology (working with Ralph Martinez from the ECE department) and lead the implementation of the network supporting Arizona's telemedicine and teleradiology services from 1996 to 2002. Neither Hans nor any of those giants sought plaques or recognition - they supported the Mission - advancing science, healthcare and service to the people of the State of Arizona and beyond.

- Kevin M. McNeill PhD

Kevin McNeill - November 21, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ My sincere condolences to you, Tere, and family. Hans was my advisor from 1984-1988. I learned much from Hans in words and actions. I have fond memories of grad student dinners at your house. I'm still astounded at Hans' filing system at our research annex. While his desk appeared a chaotic jumble, he was able to find things instantly. Brilliant mind, warm heart. He is missed.

David Yocky - October 09, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ I'm very sorry to learn of this. Hans was my graduate school adviser from 1982-1988. I'm so grateful that he took a chance on an unproven new student and guided me through my graduate school career and dissertation. He was very kind with a good sense of humor. I can still hear his chuckle and voice in my mind. And of course he was a brilliant scientist that launched the career of many others. His legacy will live on through his family, former students, and body of publications. I used to visit him when I came back to see family in Tucson. It's sad to think that will no longer be possible.

Mark Hayworth, Cincinnati Ohio

Mark Hayworth - October 09, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ Tere,
I'm sorry to hear of Hans' passing. I was one of his graduate students in the '80s and have fond memories of coming to your house for BBQs and Christmas parties. My condolences to you, Alex, and the rest of your family.

Mike Browne

Mike Browne - September 14, 2020 at 12:19 AM



“ The medical physics community has lost a giant. I first met Hans when I was a post-doc at Mayo Clinic. I would only see him infrequently, typically at AAPM, RSNA or IEEE meetings. Many a challenging discussion might somehow ensue. You will be missed, Hans. Rest in peace.

David Gustafson, Ph.D. - August 27, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ I was a junior faculty at U of A when I first started an imaging project with Hans in 1993, thus starting our continuing collaboration until 1999 when I left the University. I have learned a lot from Hans on imaging throughout all these years. Hans was humble, personable and always carried a big smile on his face. I will surely miss him.

Chee-Wai Cheng, Ph.D.

Cheewai Cheng - August 27, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ Great physicist deserves respect!

hualin zhang - August 28, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ I was fortunate to have Professor Roehrig for Medical Imaging at the University of Arizona. His class was always interesting and his knowledge obvious. It was one of the best taught courses of my graduate career. Thanks, Professor!

Tim McDaniels, PhD, DABR - August 27, 2020 at 08:23 AM



“ I always felt like Hans was an old friend from the moment we first met. I am grateful for his frequent suggestions, stimulating questions and collaborations over many years. It seemed that every time we had a chat we discovered we had more in common. I too will miss him.

Michael Andre, PhD - August 26, 2020 at 07:27 PM



“ Mike, if your discussions with Hans were like, mine, we are probably both still trying to catch up to him! Dave G

David Gustafson, Ph.D. - August 27, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ A kind person and great mentor...he enabled much of what I did in my career...thank you, Dr. Roehrig!

Emre Toker - August 26, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ Hans gave me my first professional break, for which I will be ever grateful to him. His strong work ethics and integrity were cornerstone of his research and foundational to the mentorship he provided to me and many other budding researchers. I know his big laughs will continue to ring through us, and his legacy will guide many generations to come. Hans, you will be missed!

Amar Chawla - August 02, 2020 at 06:13 PM



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Christine & Markus - July 31, 2020 at 07:51 AM



“ Dr. Hans Roehrig was a great Medical Physicist, researcher and mentor. I entered the field of medical imaging because of his kind support and guidance. He always treated his colleagues, students and friends respectfully. He always generously offered what he could to others. His genuine personality, kindness, humor, modest and contagious laughing are deeply missed.

Jiahua Fan, PhD - July 28, 2020 at 11:44 PM



“ When I started at UofA in 1994 I never dreamed that for the next 20 years I would be working mostly with Hans! He was a wonderful person and I learned more from him about medical physics than I could have imagined. As he would say - "one more fine detail" - I will miss him!
Elizabeth Krupinski, PhD

Elizabeth Krupinski, PhD - July 28, 2020 at 08:59 AM



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