

Ron Wukasch Obituary (Received from Central Branch)

Ronald F. Wukasch passed away on January 4, 2002 at age 63. He was a Purdue University Civil Engineering Professor.

Mr. Wukasch was a professor of environmental and hydraulic engineering 29 years for the Purdue University School of Engineering. He served as head of the department from 1990 to 1996.

He was an honorary visiting professor at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, in 1996 and was an honorary research fellow at University College, London, in 1988.

In 1973, Mr. Wukasch was the project director for the advanced wastewater treatment plants for the city of Indianapolis.

He was a member and technical secretary for the Water Pollution Control Board. Mr. Wukasch also was a member of the Indianapolis Solid Waste Task Force Steering Committee, the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Environmental Committee and the Indianapolis Advanced Wastewater Treatment Advisory Committee, as well as the Indiana Environmental Institute and Friends of Convocation Advisory Board.

In addition, Mr. Wukasch served as technical adviser for the Indiana Chemical Demilitarization Advisory Committee.

He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Society of Sigma Xi, the Water Environment Federation, the Association of Environmental Engineering Professors, the International Association of Water Quality and Chi Epsilon fraternity.

Mr. Wukasch received the Munson Outstanding Civil Engineering Professor Award in 1977, 1982 and 1987. The Indiana Section, American Society of Civil Engineers, named him the 1991 Outstanding Civil Engineer of the Year. In 1999, he received the Ross Judson Buck Outstanding Counselor Award for Civil Engineering and the AMD Award for Design of the EPICS Constructed Wetland Team.

He was a graduate of Valparaiso and Purdue universities.