

In Memoriam

May 21, 2014



Prof. Ray Ladd

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It is with a profound sense of loss that we announce the passing of **Dr. Ray Ladd**, our great friend and colleague. He passed away on May 21, 2014 at his home in Kendrick Idaho, surrounded by his loving wife Claudia, his son and daughter and their families. He touched many lives in a long and fruitful career, and he leaves a great legacy for all of us who knew him.

Ray was the first full-time professor in the budding WSU Engineering Management Program when he was appointed as professor and program coordinator in August 1988. He loved to teach and continued in his role as coordinator until his retirement in May 2012.

When our program began the transition from distance education via closed circuit television to broadcasting via the web, the photo he gave us for our website was a smiling Ray, next to his boat with a giant fish in his arms. His love of the outdoors was close to the top of the list of things he cherished. He loved to share stories of his fishing trips to Alaska and later to his camp on Prince of Wales in Klawock, AK. With his generous spirit, stories were not the only things he shared; members of the program often enjoyed the salmon and halibut he brought home from his adventures.



On top of being an expert in all the aspects of engineering management, Ray had many other talents. He created beautiful furniture for his home and even manufactured numerous complex mini-catapults for his students to illustrate the principles of statistical experimental design. On another dimension, he learned guitar as a young man and loved to play along with his father. Somewhere along the line he picked up the mandolin and in the last several years he worked on mastering the banjo. He was quick to smile, quick to laugh, and he loved to tell a joke.

Tribute Book

As a tribute to Ray and as a gift to his family, the program is collecting materials for a book encompassing his many contributions and the memories we have of him. We invite Ray's students, colleagues, and friends to contribute to this process by sending us your short or long memories of Ray and telling us how he touched your lives; a brief note of sympathy and concern would also be appropriate.

Please send your remembrances to etm@wsu.edu; Subject: Ray Ladd.



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Courses taught: Operations Research for Decision Analysis; Human Resources and Team Building; Design for Manufacturing Engineering; Decision Analysis; Quality Control and Reliability; Advances in Manufacturing Science; Systems Engineering; Project Management; Statistical Methods in Engineering; Manufacturing and Operations Design and Strategy