



Saying goodbye to a pioneer and a leader

Dan Meneley died Feb. 6 in his 83rd year but his legacy as a CANDU innovator, a teacher and a leader lives on in the “hearts and minds” of nuclear engineers, scientists and operators across the industry.

Whether he was holding lunch and learns in nuclear plants, standing at the front of a classroom or explaining nuclear safety to the public following Fukushima, until his death earlier this week, Dan Meneley spent a half century sharing his knowledge and passion for CANDU technology.

“Dan had many technical accomplishments but what really stands out for me is the leadership he provided to the industry,” says Fred Dermakar, president and CEO of CANDU Owners Group (COG). “His greatest contribution may be the bridge he created for the generations to come and the professional development he provided for everyone working in the industry. He left a ripple effect that will continue to be felt positively by the industry for years to come.”

Among Meneley’s many projects was the CANDU industry collaborative project **CANTEACH**, a repository of learning that includes thousands of pages of CANDU information sharing expertise and knowledge to both working and future nuclear professionals. He also contributed significantly through the Canadian Nuclear Society (CNS), who awarded him with a fellowship for his contribution to best practices and learning across the CANDU industry.

“Dan’s efforts on behalf of the industry live on in the hearts and minds of many of us today and will guide the careers and build the expertise of many more to follow,” says Dermakar.

A half century of contribution

Dan received a PhD in Reactor Physics from the University of London in 1963 building on his undergrad studies in Saskatchewan. He began his career with the Argonne National Laboratory. In 1972 he joined Ontario Hydro and served as a group manager from 1982-1984 before leaving to join the University of New Brunswick as a professor from 1984 to 1991. He was chief engineer for Atomic Energy Canada Ltd. from 1991 to 1998 and upon retirement in October 2001 he became an AECL Engineer Emeritus. For the past six years, he has held the same title with CANDU Energy. He is a fellow of the Canadian Nuclear Society and the American Nuclear Society and was a member of the IAEA INSAG (International Nuclear Safety Group) from 1985 to 1988. Meneley was an adjunct professor with the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science since the university opened in 2003. He served as acting dean in 2008-2009.

Memorial Arrangements

Dan is remembered by his wife, Mildred, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Friends and relatives are invited to call at the Lakefield United Church on Wednesday Feb. 14 from 7 - 9 pm. A funeral service will take place at the Lakefield United Church on Thursday Feb. 15, at 11 am. Reception to follow in the Church Hall. Cremation and Interment at Lakefield Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Habitat for Humanity Lakefield Project 2018 by contacting THE HENDREN FUNERAL HOMES, LAKEFIELD CHAPEL at www.hendrenfuneralhome.com or by calling 705-652-3355.



An expert, a communicator and a teacher. Dan shared his expertise with the public, with the industry and with students. A contributor to the CANTEACH program through the University Network of Excellence in Nuclear Engineering (UNENE), he was also a professor, including at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT), where he continued to teach as an adjunct professor in the Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science until his death.