

Andrew Wilfrid Marris, 81, of Atlanta, died Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005.

He retired in 1987 from Georgia Tech after 25 years as a professor at the School of Engineering, Science and Mechanics. He received his doctoral degree in mechanical engineering from the University of New Zealand, which was the first Ph.D. in engineering awarded at the university.

He was an assistant professor at the University of British Columbia from 1953-60 and an associate professor at the University of Texas from 1960-62. While in British Columbia, he served in the Canadian Army, holding the rank of 2nd Lieutenant, 7th Field Engineer Regiment, RCE.

He was a member of numerous scientific and professional societies, including Society for Natural Philosophy, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and Circolo Matematico di Palermo. His work was published in a variety of journals and archives, including Archive for Rational Mechanics and Analysis, Istituto Lombardo Accademia di Scienze e Lettere, and the Journal of Applied Mathematics and Physics. He also co-authored a textbook with Dr. Charles Stoneking.

He began a second career writing poetry and published a book of poetry after his retirement.

Survivors include: his wife of 56 years, Wendy Marris; three daughters and sons-in-law, Leslie and Bill Dedo, Bryan and Dave Suttles of Clayton and Caralinda J. Marris; and six grandchildren, Sarah, Paul, Daniel, Emily and John Dedo and Adam Andrew Marris.

Memorial donations can be made to the DeKalb Humane Society or Odyssey Hospice in Decatur.

A celebration of his life will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Clary Theatre at The Success Center, Georgia Institute of Technology, 225 North Ave., Atlanta.

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