

Closed Album - Russ Dyer

Russell "Russ" Dyer passed away in late 2021. He joined our stamp club in 2019 and immediately was helping with the annual stamp show. The picture of Russ on the right was taken at the 2021 stamp show. Russ collected mainly U.S. issues. He was awarded a 25-year pin and certificate from the APS in 2020.

Russ received his B.A. in Geology from Rice University in 1971, and his PhD, also in Geology at Stanford University in 1983.

From 1982 to 1988, he was an Assistant Professor (Geology) University Texas at El Paso. He developed curricula and taught Structural Geology, Tectonics, Field Geology, Introductory Geology, Physical Processes and various advanced courses.

Starting in 1988 he held various positions in the Yucca Mountain Project, U.S. Department of Energy. His last seven years until 2009, he was Special Assistant/Chief Scientist, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (SES)

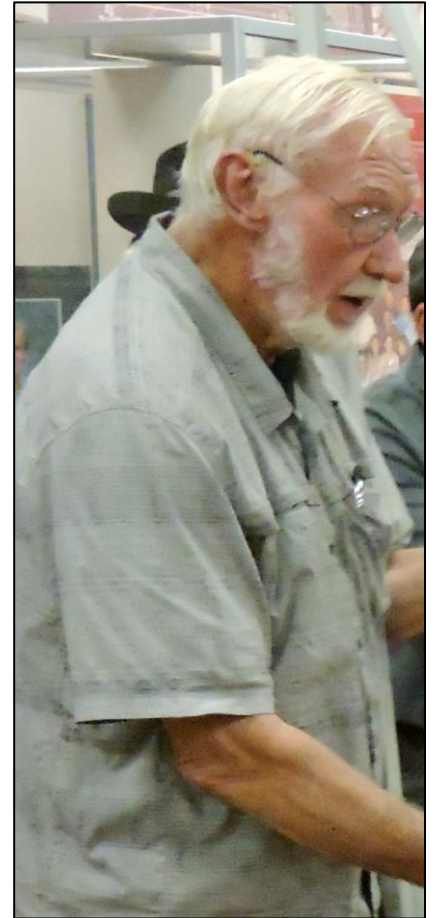
The Yucca Mountain Project was the attempt of the U.S. Government to characterize and develop a geologic repository system for the permanent disposal of high-level nuclear waste and commercial spent nuclear fuel. During his 22 years with the project, he was often called on to provide briefings to members of congress and their staff, and to other influential decision makers for industry and state and national political groups.

Russ served on active duty in the U.S. Navy from 1971-1976 as a communications/intelligence officer, and as a Vietnam veteran. He joined the Naval Reserve Intelligence Program in 1976 until his retirement in 2000. During this time, he had eight command tours and various staff assignments. Last command was of Naval Reserve Intelligence Area Six, comprising all Naval Reserve Intelligence personnel in Texas, Oklahoma and parts of New Mexico and Louisiana (about 600 personnel). Russ retired from the naval reserves with the rank of Captain (O-6).

Russ was a member of the Sigma Xi, Geological Society of American Geophysical Union, American Institute of Professional Geologists, Senior Executives Association. He published or presented over 100 papers, reports, abstracts and presentations in various publications and forums. He held Top Secret, SCI and Q clearances through either D.O.D. and/or D.O.E.

Rus was twice recognized with a Presidential Rank Award (Meritorious Executive: 2000 and 2009).

I hope everyone in the stamp club had a chance to talk with Russ when he attended the regular meetings. He was an outstanding individual, and we are proud that he was a member of the Nevada Stamp Study Society.



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