IN MEMORIAM

In memoriam: Dr. Ray A. Dickie

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Dr. Ray A. Dickie, the former Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Coatings Technology and Research (JCTR)* and current Emeritus Editor, passed away on April 15, 2017 in Efland, North Carolina. Ray received his PhD from the University of Wisconsin where he worked with Professor John Ferry. He completed postdoctoral research in at the University of Glasgow and the Stanford Research Institute. He joined the Ford Motor Company in 1968 and spent almost 30 years conducting research in the areas of polymers, coatings, corrosion, and adhesives.

Ray generously participated in many professional societies including the American Chemical Society (ACS), where he eventually served as the Chairman for the Polymer Materials Science Division in 1987, the Adhesion Society, and the Society of Rheology. Ray served on several committees of the Federation of Societies for Coatings Technology (FSCT) during his career and in retirement. While working as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Coatings Technology*, the FSCT's premier publication, he oversaw that journal's division into two separate publications, *CoatingsTech* and *JCTR*, the latter of which he continued to serve as the Editor-in-Chief until 2010. Today, both *CoatingsTech* and *JCTR* serve as flagship publications for the American Coatings Association (ACA).

During his career, Ray received many awards including the Roy W. Tess Award from the ACS, the

Joseph J. Mattiello Award, and the 2004 George Baugh Heckel Award from the FSCT. While at Ford, he was the recipient of the Henry Ford Technology Award, Ford's highest technical award. Ray was the author of over 100 manuscripts, received many patents, edited several books, and served on the organizing committee of many conferences.

Ray brought the rigorous, detail-oriented approach of an academic researcher to industrial research problems at Ford. He guided many younger researchers during their early careers and had a profound influence on the testing, specifications, and implementation of many polymeric materials at Ford. On most technical matters, Ray was willing to patiently listen to other points of view, but at the end of the discussion, Ray's opinion was usually worth more than anyone else's. He once claimed that he only ever solved three or four problems at Ford, but that he solved them over and over again. He was of course being both modest and poking fun at life in a sprawling, global company, but his dry sense of humor was also one of his trademarks. I'll always remember Ray as both the imposing intellectual figure stalking the halls of Ford's research lab and as the kind mentor to me when I took over as the editor of *JCTR*. The advice he offered, as well as his grace in letting me chart my own way, will never be forgotten.

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