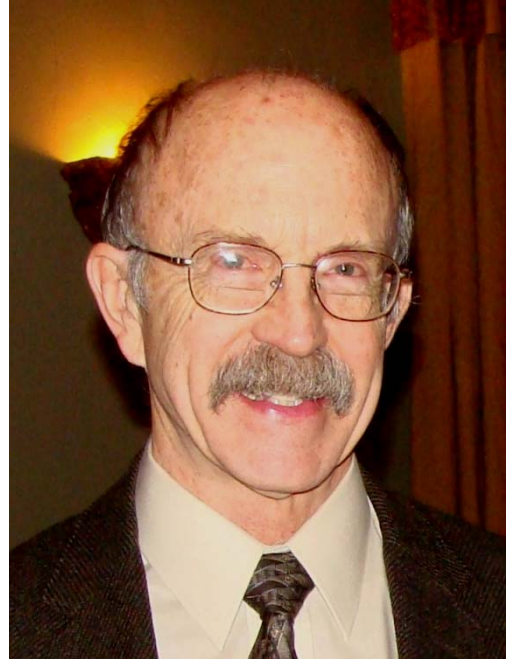


Dr. Roger Adams Young

EEGS members and the near-surface geophysics community recently lost a good friend and valued colleague, Dr. Roger Young, Associate Professor at the University of Oklahoma. On October 13 2009, Roger died peacefully in his sleep after a short illness. He was 66 years old.

Dr. Young was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts on June 29, 1943. He attended elementary schools in New York state and Gainesville, Florida and graduated from Gainesville High School in 1961. Dr. Young received a B.S. in Geology, with High Honors, in 1965 from Wesleyan University, and his M.S. in Geophysics in 1968 from Stanford University.

Roger began his professional career in geophysics at Mobil Oil in Dallas shortly after graduation from Stanford. He married his high school sweetheart, Frances Anne Bovee, on November 3, 1968 in Topanga Canyon, California and they resided in Dallas for a short time before he was drafted into the army in January 1969. He received a direct commission after basic training and served in the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers at the U.S. Army Map Service (then TOPOCOM) and then in Vietnam. After his discharge in early 1972 he and Frances traveled for a number of months in the U.S., Mexico, and Canada before he began graduate studies at the University of Toronto. He received his Ph.D in Physics (Geophysics) in 1979 from the University of Toronto. He was a Research Geophysicist with Phillips Petroleum from 1979 to 1982 and Senior Research Geophysicist from 1982-1986. He was a Senior Research Fellow at Curtin University, Perth, Western Australia from 1986-1990. He came to OU's School of Geology and Geophysics as an Associate Professor in 1990. He held positions in, and received awards from many international geophysical societies. He was an active researcher who published numerous papers, and in recent years became best known for his work in near-surface geophysics. Many M.S. and Ph.D. students completed their degrees under his direction. He was Director of the Shell Crustal Imaging Facility for many years. In 2008, he received the Stubbeman-Drace Presidential Professorship, given to outstanding faculty selected on the basis of teaching, willingness to mentor, and dedication to research, creative activity and service. This description of the basis for awarding these Presidential Professorships summarizes Dr. Young's career at OU perfectly.



Roger served EEGS and the near-surface community faithfully for several years. He wrote a training manual and taught an associated short course for EAGE on reflection seismic methods that are widely praised within the near-surface community. He was an at-large member on the EEGS Board of Directors from 2004 to 2006, and led the selection committee for the EEGS/Geonics Early Career Award for its first two years, 2008 and 2009. He also served on the *FastTimes* Editorial Board from 2006 until his untimely death.

Roger loved camping and hiking and particularly enjoyed his field work with students and colleagues. Music, especially classical and international folk music, always gave him great pleasure. He joined Frances in International folk dancing and playing the piano was a lifelong pursuit.

Upon consultation with his family, the school of Geophysics at the University of Oklahoma has established a fund to be dispersed to Roger's wife, Frances, who was stricken earlier this year with ALS. Her subsequent care was Roger's deepest concern, and monies from the fund will help defray the cost of home-based health care for Frances. If you would like to donate a monetary gift to this fund in honor of Dr. Young, please make the check payable to **University of Oklahoma Foundation, Inc.** and forward to the attention of **Nancy Leonard**, ConocoPhillips School of Geology and Geophysics, 710 Sarkeys Energy Center, 100 East Boyd Street, Norman, OK 73019.