

Obituaries

Andrew Kufluk

Andrew Kufluk, a Life Fellow of the SMPTE, died on August 11, 1986, in Toronto, Ont., Canada. He was 66.

Andy Kufluk was born in Welland, Ont. He became interested in amateur radio, and enjoyed operating his station, VE3SS, and constructing radio equipment, two activities which he pursued throughout his lifetime.

Kufluk was an instructor of electronics at the Radio College of Canada during 1938-39. Following service with the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II, he joined Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, where he teamed with several broadcasting students to build the college radio station, CJRT-FM. When Ryerson developed its well-respected Radio and Television Arts course, Kufluk became involved in teaching the technical aspects of both media to potential broadcasters. During more than three decades of working with students, Kufluk earned the reputation as an exceptional teacher. He retired from Ryerson in 1983.

Andy Kufluk served the Society's Toronto Section as secretary/treasurer,



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membership chairman, and manager. In 1977, he received the SMPTE Citation for Outstanding Service. He was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1979. Kufluk was also a member of the Institution of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Audio Engineering Society (AES), and Broadcast Educators Association Canada (BEAC).

Kufluk is survived by his wife, Lilian; a daughter, Pat; and a son, Peter.

Krishna Gopal

Krishna Gopal, a Life Fellow of the SMPTE, died on August 2, 1986, in Bombay, India. He was 82.

Gopal entered the motion-picture industry in 1926. He worked as a cinematographer and producer of silent films before becoming increasingly involved in motion-picture equipment design. In 1936, Gopal designed and constructed a bi-pack color processing machine, for which he was issued a patent. In 1941, he invented the first tri-pack color processing device. Other technical accomplishments were an indigenous "additive" film printer and indigenous X-ray sheet film processor.

In 1950, Gopal founded Processlabs (Pvt.) Ltd., a motion-picture equipment manufacturing firm located in Dahisar, Bombay. He served the company first as director, then afterwards as Chairman of the Board.

Krishna Gopal was a high ranking member of the film industry in India. He was Honorary Advisor to Assam on that government's film project, and was a member of a special advisory panel to Hindustan Photo Film Co., Ltd. Gopal is a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society in England, and a Life Member of the Western India Cinematographic Association.

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