

Robert “Bob” Fredrick Schlorff, a SMPTE Life Member, died on Monday, 7 May 2018. He was 91 years old.

Schlorff was born on 17 September 1927 in Detroit, MI. He graduated from Wayne State University in 1956 and was in the Radio and Television industry at Wayne State University as a chief engineer until retiring in 1992.

Schlorff was the first “boss” at Wayne State University Television in the mid-1960s through the 1970s for many current and past members of the SMPTE Detroit Section. WSU TV, with Schlorff as chief engineer, was the incubator for a great number of people who would become major influences in the production, post-production, and broadcast industries in Detroit and elsewhere. The very first SMPTE Winter Television Conference was held across the street from the Wayne State TV studio facility. Schlorff insisted that both his full-time staff and “student assistant” broadcast engineers attend these sessions, and also that they attend local monthly SMPTE Detroit Section meetings. Schlorff was expert at teaching students how to do the best job with

whatever resources were available, a true engineer in every sense.

Schlorff was the beloved husband of the late Shirley May Schlorff, and grandfather of the late Amanda Rae Schlorff. He is survived by his sons, Mark and Eric; daughter, Joan; sister, Muriel Newman; and grandchildren, Melissa and David. Schlorff was a member of the Audio Engineering Society, SMPTE, and Rackham Community Chorus. He had a passion for knowing how things worked, and as a result, he could fix most things.

Richard Harold Tauber, 73, died Tuesday, 10 April 2018.

Born on 30 June 1944, Tauber spent most of his childhood in South Orange, NJ. He developed a love for theater, became the president of New Jersey Temple Youth and graduated from Columbia High School in 1963.

In 1967, Tauber graduated with a BA in theater from Denison University, where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi. He studied at the University of Michigan and Columbia University and began pursuing technical theater work in addition to acting in New York City. He worked at Shakespeare in the Park under the direction of the

famed Joseph Papp and later joined the crew for the original Broadway production of “Godspell,” where he ran lights on over 800 shows.

In 1981, Tauber moved to Atlanta, where he had been hired to work at the newly established CNN and where he would continue to work for the next 32 years.

During his time at CNN, Tauber ran the satellite desk and became the vice president of transmission systems and new technology. In 2013, after retiring from CNN, he was inducted into the Space and Satellite Hall of Fame. He became the president of the board of directors of the Southeast Chapter of Space and Satellite Professionals International, which he helped found in 2005.

Tauber received three Emmy Awards for his work at CNN. The first was in 1986 for his part in Turner Broadcasting System’s Goodwill Games coverage; the second in 2002 for CNN’s coverage of 9/11; and the third, a Technical Emmy, in 2007 for CNN’s mobile, internet protocol news-gathering system. He was also vital in CNN’s groundbreaking coverage of the First Gulf War.

Tauber is predeceased by his wife Marjorie. He is survived by his son, Ethan, and daughter, Elizabeth, and two brothers.

