



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Memorial Tribute to

Charles E. Chaffey

Professor Emeritus
Department of Chemical Engineering
and Applied Chemistry

December 16, 2021

Be it resolved –

THAT the Council of the Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering record with sincere regret the death on October 15, 2021 of Professor Emeritus Charles Chaffey in his 80th year.

Professor Chaffey completed his BSc in Chemistry at McGill University in 1961 and then went on to complete his PhD in Chemistry with Professor Stanley Mason at McGill in 1965. He joined our Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry in 1967 as an Assistant Professor, was promoted to Full Professor in 1981, and retired in 2004. During his career he spent his research leaves at various institutions including Imperial Chemical Industries in the UK, University of Massachusetts at Amherst and Xerox Research Centre in Mississauga. He published 40 papers in top quality journals in the field of polymer rheology.

After his retirement, Charles became an active member of Senior College at the University of Toronto, including serving as Chair of their Budget Committee. He was active in his church, was an avid hiker and naturalist and also taught environmental chemistry part time at Tyndale University College in Toronto.

Professor Chaffey was a much beloved colleague who cared deeply about our community and the role that we play in society as educators and scholars. He was meticulous and thoughtful with a subtle and dry sense of humour and a strong spiritual ethic. Charles regularly stayed in contact with the Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry well after his retirement. He was a regular attendee at our Departmental Seminars including our many virtual seminars this past year, something that he thoroughly enjoyed attending and contributing to with thought provoking questions.

Be it further resolved –

THAT this tribute to Professor Emeritus Charles E. Chaffey be inscribed in the minutes of this Council meeting, and that copies be sent to his family as an expression of the respect and gratitude of the members of Council.