

In Memoriam: Billy Mayes

Retired physics professor Billy Mayes passed away February 11, 2021, at his home in Red River, New Mexico, at the age of 80.

Billy is well remembered by those who worked beside him for his enthusiasm for physics and his love of teaching. He inspired generations of undergraduates, one of whom (Dr. Kenneth R. Hogstrom) has initiated the "Professor Bill Mayes Endowment for Undergraduate Research in Physics."

Billy was a master of analysis and simulation software, as well as being at home tinkering with the experiment hardware. He worked on experiments at the Los Alamos Meson Physics Facility (LAMPF), the Alternating Gradient Synchrotron (AGS) at the Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL), and other particle physics laboratories in the U.S. He also worked on experiments at the Gran Sasso in Italy, at the Heavy Ion Medical Accelerator Center (HIMAC) in Japan, and most recently, as a member of ALICE at CERN at the end of his active career that spanned five decades.

He is survived by his wife, Judy, his daughter Susan and her husband Jerry Hogrefe, their son Joel, and Billy's great-grandson, Silas. The family did not plan any formal memorial service, as Billy requested to be cremated and his ashes spread over the mountains near his home in Red River.

His family requested that those wishing to join in the celebration of Billy's life and career consider making contributions to the "Professor Bill Mayes Endowment for Undergraduate Research in Physics" through the webpage: <https://giving.uh.edu/gift/?school=NSM>