



Wayne Harry Gross

November 30, 1946 - January 23, 2016

Wayne Harry Gross, 69, of Kennesaw, GA, died Saturday, January 23, 2016. A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 AM, Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home & Crematory Macland Chapel in Powder Springs with Rev. Tommy Willingham officiating.

Mr. Gross is survived by his wife of 41 years, Georgia Dixon Gross; his daughter Jill Jernigan (Jeff) of Powder Springs, GA; three granddaughters, Jessica McCoy (Earl) of Omaha, NE, Jensine Adams (Zach) of Mount Pleasant, SC, Janna Jernigan of Powder Springs, GA; two great-granddaughters, Caroline and Claire McCoy.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Wayne to: APDA Georgia Chapter online at www.apdageorgia.org , P.O. Box 49416 Atlanta, GA 30359; or to The Michael J. Fox Foundation @[MichaelJFox.org](https://www.MichaelJFox.org)

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM on Tuesday.

Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home and Crematory Macland Chapel in Powder Springs, is in charge of the arrangements. (770)943-1511 www.mayeswarddobbins.com

Biography via: The Free Library

TAPPI President Wayne H. Gross, CAE, will retire January 1, 2006, after serving the Association for over thirty years. Gross joined the TAPPI staff in 1974 and later served as Director of Meetings and Exhibits, Director of International Operations, and Executive Director of the Pulp Chemicals Association. He left TAPPI in 1995 to lead the American Society of Mechanical Engineers' International Gas Turbine Institute. He was named TAPPI's sixth Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer in 1996. Last year his title was changed to TAPPI President.

Bringing the industry together for information sharing and education has been a hallmark

of Gross's TAPPI career. He pioneered TAPPI's meetings and exhibits department and established the Association as the premier source for industry conferences and exhibits. Gross's focus on industry education began in the 1970s with the first TAPPI Seminars and continues today with TAPPI's active participation and support for the National Network for Pulp and Paper Technical Training (NPT2). He has also been involved with American Forest and Paper Association's Agenda 2020 initiative, particularly the Chief Technical Officers' forums.

Known for building partnerships that are beneficial to TAPPI members and the industry, Gross worked with the Association of Independent Corrugated Converters (AICC) to establish SuperCorrExpo(R), the largest corrugated machinery show in the Western Hemisphere, in 2000. Gross also worked with the Paper Industry Management Association (PIMA) to launch Solutions! for People, Processes, and Paper, the official publication of TAPPI and PIMA, in 2001.

Beginning in his role as Director of International Operations in the 1990s, Gross built a strong international presence for the Association by establishing relationships with industry leaders and heads of other pulp and paper associations throughout the world. Gross's commitment to the international arena has continued throughout his tenure as Executive Director and President. He has led numerous international study tours and is often invited to speak at international industry events. In addition, Gross serves as primary liaison with more than thirty technical and trade associations throughout the world.

Sharing a positive message about the pulp, paper, and converting industry with the public has always been important to Gross. He was instrumental in the development of Forests for Our Future, TAPPI's exhibit at Epcot at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida. Forests For Our Future introduces the science and technology of the forest products industry and explains how the forest products industry is protecting the future of our world's forests while providing the forest products the world needs. The exhibit opened in 1999 and has been extended several times over the past six years.

Under Gross's leadership in the 1980s and 1990s, TAPPI's meetings and exhibits department was recognized by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) and the Council of Engineering and Scientific Society Executives (CESSE) as one of the nation's leading meetings and exhibits operations. His leadership and stewardship helped the Association build a nest egg of investments that have enabled TAPPI to better serve the industry over the years. "We are so fortunate to have had a man like Wayne Gross on the TAPPI staff for the past thirty years" remarked TAPPI Chairman Willis J. Potts, Jr. Potts continued, "Wayne's loyalty, dedication, and outstanding service to TAPPI are to be commended and celebrated."

Gross is a member of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), the Council of Engineering and Scientific Society Executives (CESSE) and the Georgia Society of Association Executives (GSAE). Gross has served as Chair of two different ASAE sections and as a member of the ASAE Board of Directors. He also served on the ASAE Executive Committee as Vice Chairman. In addition, he was a member of GSAE Board of Directors. Currently he is a member of the CESSE Board of Directors. He was designated as ASAE Fellow in 1989 and a TAPPI Fellow in 1994. Gross was selected as the Outstanding Association Executive in Georgia in 1992.

TAPPI is the leading association for the worldwide pulp, paper, packaging, and converting industries and co-publisher of Solutions! for People, Processes and Paper. Through information exchange, trusted content, and networking opportunities, TAPPI helps members elevate their performance by providing solutions that lead to better, faster, and more cost effective ways of doing business.

Cemetery

Crestlawn Memorial Park

2000 Marietta Boulevard

Northwest

Atlanta, GA, 30318

Events

JAN **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Powder Springs Chapel

3940 Macland Road, Powder Springs, GA, US,
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JAN **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - January 26, 2016 at 02:37 PM



“ I was privileged to work with Wayne during his short stint with the International Gas Turbine Institute of ASME. I was on the Board of Directors including a stint as Chair when Wayne led us to two very successful international conferences. He was an excellent manager as well as a kind and caring mentor to his employees and to the volunteers. He would ensure that they were taken care of before his need. I remember one conference where he gave up his complimentary suite to me as he felt that the Chair should have the best accommodation. I was sad to see him leave IGTI and am saddened for his passing. I would like to express my condolences to his family.

Holger Lukas - February 03, 2016 at 02:13 PM



“ I remember Wayne from high school.
He was a real nice guy.
I'm so glad he did well after high school.
James Stephen Sowder
Class of 1965.



James Stephen Sowder - January 28, 2016 at 10:29 PM



“ I went to grade school and high school with Wayne . I remember him well, he was always very nice to him. I'm so sorry for your loss. Margaret Barnes Crabtree

margaret barnes crabtree - January 27, 2016 at 11:24 AM



“ Seeing Wayne and Georgia enjoying the girls ball games. What beautiful memories you must all share. From my family to yours our thoughts and prayers are with you Vince Nina and Ashley Ball

Nina Ball - January 27, 2016 at 09:13 AM



“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Wayne's passing. He was a wonderful man to work with I always had such admiration and respect for him. Just remember what he leaves behind is not what is engraved on a stone monument but what is woven into the lives of those he has touched. Julie Parker

Julie Barnett Parker - January 26, 2016 at 10:42 PM



“ Wayne was such a lovely man, a gentle giant who loved the Lord, his family and friends. He will be missed and remembered fondly by so many. I feel blessed to have had him as a friend.

My prayers are with the family and my praise to the Lord who I know Wayne is with now.

Jeanne

Jeanne Abdy - January 26, 2016 at 08:56 PM



“ Like so many, I had the great privilege of knowing Wayne at Indiana State University. Wayne was a fraternity brother, friend and an example to all of us. I also had the unusual pleasure of sharing a room in a house in Terre Haute my senior year. I remember our laughs and our late night talks...mostly with me listening. I knew even then that this was a man of great intelligence and energy. On campus, Wayne was a widely known and respected man for his academics, his personality and his campus involvement. As intense and intimidating as Wayne could sometimes be, he had a heart of gold. Nothing made him angrier than a perceived injustice, but nothing gave him more pleasure than sitting down to listen to a friend. I was blessed to have a one-on-one chat with him at our last fraternity gathering in Terre Haute. I would like for his children and grand children to know what a great person he was as a young man. This greatness only grew over the march of time.

The world is a little less than it was with his passing. I will truly miss him...Until we meet again, Wayne.

~ Kevin O'Kane

Kevin O'Kane - January 26, 2016 at 06:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wayne Harry Gross.



January 26, 2016 at 02:22 PM



“ 39 files added to the album LifeTributes



Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - January 26, 2016 at 10:49 AM



“ 60 files added to the album LifeTributes



Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - January 26, 2016 at 08:44 AM



“ We are deeply saddened by Wayne's passing. We will miss his warmth, his humor and his always interesting perspectives on the world and life in general. We will always remember our adventures with Wayne and Georgia, from Libby's Cabaret in Atlanta to Den Gyldene Freden in Stockholm. We hope that Georgia and her family are comforted by their knowledge of how proud Wayne was of them and by their many fond memories of a truly great man. -- Fondly, Bette and Peter Kontio

Bette and Peter Kontio - January 25, 2016 at 09:23 PM



“ Words can't express how sad we are that Wayne has passed. He will be missed immensely. What a man! His sharp sense of humor and brilliant mind were just two things we admired about him. He was a very sweet, caring man whom we enjoyed anytime we

were with him and Georgia. I remember when they met and it just can't be over 40 years. Georgia, Jill and Jeff and all of your family, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the future. We love y'all.

Pat and Newt Haralson.

Pat and Newt Haralson - January 26, 2016 at 02:37 PM



“ I am sorry to have learned of Wayne's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. I enjoyed working with Wayne at TAPPI for about ten years and he was a good friend that will be missed. I will always remember working with Wayne to get ready for the Annual Conference and the other conferences throughout the year and some of the strangest things that happened at those conferences that we would laugh about or just wondered what the heck was going on. Thanks for the memories Wayne.

Kolette Donovan

Kolette Donovan - January 25, 2016 at 08:48 PM



“ Georgia, Jill, Jeff, Jessica, Jensine, & Janna,
Our deepest sympathy in your loss. Wayne's love for his family was evident. His conversations often included stories about you, and how proud he was of each of you. We will always remember Wayne as the preeminent gentleman...always very courteous, kind, and respectful of others. His willingness to share his professional expertise in mission work was greatly appreciated. He enriched our lives with his friendship and wisdom. Praying for your comfort & peace, Willie & Nancy

Nancy Swarengen - January 25, 2016 at 06:53 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Wayne. I remember our trip together when we went to Sao Paulo, Brazil. He was a fine man and I am proud to have known him.

David A. Markgraf

David A. Markgraf - January 25, 2016 at 06:05 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. My sincere condolences. I was privileged to work with him as a volunteer for TAPPI on the Board of Directors and have always appreciated the experience.

Jon Kerr - January 25, 2016 at 04:03 PM



“ So sorry to learn of Wayne's passing! He was a very special man and friend! We will miss him! Sending our love to Georgia and his wonderful family!!!! Love, Harriett and Eddie Meeks

Harriett Meeks - February 13, 2016 at 01:45 PM