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Inductee #12

Dr. John L. Bryan

Professor Emeritus

Fire Protection Engineering

University of Maryland

Born: November 15, 1926

Died: October 13, 2014

Dr. John L. Bryan served as Chair and Professor of the University of Maryland Department of Fire Protection Engineering from the establishment of the department in 1956 until his retirement in 1993, when he was made Professor Emeritus. Dr. Bryan was known affectionately as "the Prof" by his students; under his leadership, the department evolved from a modest, one-person operation to a mature program with an established, nation-wide reputation.

Recipient of a number of prestigious awards, Dr. Bryan is the author of two textbooks and many technical papers. He served for many years on the NFPA Board of Directors and Standards Council, and was elected chair of both groups.