Dear IEEE AP-S Society members,

It is my very sad duty to report the passing of one of the most distinguished members of our AP society, Dr. Robert Collin. He was a remarkable educator and a mentor to many us and he will be greatly missed. Below are some comments on his past accomplishments to which I can add little.

Please remember his family in your prayers. I will pass on any comments you might have to his family along with our great appreciation for his work and friendship.

Best Regards,

Bob

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Dr. Robert E. Collin

October 24, 1928 – November 29, 2010

Dr. Robert E. Collin passed away Monday night after a short fight with lung cancer. The funeral service will be at the DiCicco Funeral Home, 5975 Mayfield Road, Mayfield Heights, OH 44124, (440) 449-1818. Visitation 5-7pm, service at 7pm.

Dr. Robert Emanuel "Bob" Collin was Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering and Applied Physics. Prof. Collin received his Ph.D. from Imperial College in London (1954) and then worked as a Scientific Officer in the Canadian Armament Research and Development Establishment until he joined the Case Institute of Technology as an Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering (1958). Prof. Collin retired from CWRU as Full Professor in 1997. Along with his long career of research and teaching at Case, Prof. Collin produced two classic textbooks in electromagnetics, including Foundations for Microwave Engineering and Field Theory of Guided Waves, which are still available.

The following is a longer biography from the former book’s Amazon page:
"Robert E. Collin is the author or coauthor of more than 150 technical papers and five books on electromagnetic theory and applications. His classic text, Field Theory of Guided Waves, is also a volume in the series. Professor Collin has had a long and distinguished academic career at Case Western Reserve University. In addition to his professional duties, he has served as chairman of the Department of Electrical Engineering and as interim dean of engineering.

"Professor Collin is a life fellow of the IEEE and a member of the Microwave Theory and Techniques Society and the Antennas and Propagation Society (APS). He is a member of U.S. Commission B of URSI and a member of the Geophysical Society. Other honors include the Diekman Award from Case Western Reserve University for distinguished graduate teaching, the IEEE APS Distinguished Career Award (1992), the IEEE Schelkunoff Prize Paper Award (1992), the IEEE Electromagnetics Award (1998), and an IEEE Third Millennium Medal in 2000. In 1990 Professor Collin was elected to the National Academy of Engineering."