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Roy Michael Armstrong

January 25, 2011, Hawthorne, NJ: The Deep Foundations Institute announces the sudden death of Roy Michael Armstrong on December 31 at his home in Champaign, Illinois. Armstrong was active in the engineering profession and in DFI. He worked to develop many geotechnical engineering documents for DFI committees and for ASTM and ACI. Armstrong graduated from Fort Scott Community College, received his BS in civil engineering from the Rolla School of Mines. After serving in the U.S. Army, he received his MS degree from the University of Illinois. He went on to work on his doctorate at the University and taught classes there. With others, he specialized in foundation and structural engineering and he worked all over the country and abroad. He was an active consultant at the time of his unexpected death.

Many colleagues responded with high praise for his skills and character. One engineer said Armstrong had an intellect "stronger than all others," and described him as an engineer one could trust to give the right answer for any situation. Another said he combined great knowledge and practical skills in the pursuit of solving geotechnical engineering problems. Armstrong "strove for accuracy, completeness and accountability" said a fellow committee member. One mourner described him as a man who made a difference in this world. Still others friends and colleagues noted his great sense of humor and his "ornery" side, including his use of "the biggest voice of any man."

Known as Roy by some and Michael by others, Armstrong was an avid skeet shooter and hunter. A funeral service was held in January in Fort Scott, Kansas, and memorials sent to the Cheney-Witt Chapel, PO Box 347, Fort Scott, Kansas 66701, can be dedicated to either Quail Unlimited, or to the Activity Fund at Guest Home Estates.