

Dr. Robert Neil Lowry



Dr. Robert Neil Lowry is a well-known educator and consultant to the pool and spa industry in Canada and the United States. He had a global impact serving as the only Canadian voting member on the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals (APSP), now Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA), Recreational Water Quality Committee (RWQC). He also was also a member of the Hot Tub Council of Canada where he contributed to the present regulations for public spas under the auspices of the Ontario Ministry of Health. He designed the model labels for pool products regulated under the federal Pest Control Products Act in Canada. For more than 25 years, he served as a consultant to the government and private industry.

Dr. Lowry was the chief educator and owner of the Lowry School of Pool & Spa Chemistry, as well as a contributing writer and commentator for numerous trade publications, particularly Canada's *Pool & Spa Marketing* magazine. He also was the original author of *Pool & Spa Chemistry: A Testing & Treatment Guide*, which is widely recognized as the authority on water quality management. He was also principal-in-charge of Lowry & Associates, a nationwide distributor of specialty chemicals, which has exclusive representation of Taylor Technologies water-testing products in Canada since 1989.

Robert Neil Lowry was born in Windsor, Ontario, to Mac and Marjorie Lowry and was a loving big brother to David Kent Lowry and Lynda Jane Parker. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario; a Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York; and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He spent the early part of this career with three Canadian chemical companies. He started in pool chemical sales at Kert Chemical Industries, Inc., then became a pool chemical products manager at Swan Recreational Products Limited and then served as technical services director for Mursatt Chemicals Limited. He met his wife, Gabriele Adelmann, in Boston, Massachusetts, and married in July 1972. He and his wife established Lowry & Associates in 1985 and was a resident of Newmarket, Ontario.

Dr. Lowry was 67 at the time of his sudden passing in March 2006. He just returned home from teaching a day-long class on water chemistry to pool operators. His passion for health and safety will always be remembered by those who knew him and the thousands of pool water technicians he certified over his inspiring lifetime. Dr. Lowry's significant contributions to the pool and spa industry remain endless.

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