

San José State University Emeritus Faculty Association Biography

Name: Robert G. Spicher
Department: Civil Engineering
Academic Rank: Professor
Year Retired: 1996
City of Residence: Saddlebrooke, AZ



Facebook Page or Website URL:

Birthplace: Pittsburgh, PA **Birth Year:** 1935

Marital Status: widower **Spouse or Partner's Name:** deceased

Children's Names: Steven F. Spicher, Michelle K. Spicher

No. of Grandchildren: 0 **No. of Great Grandchildren:** 0

Colleges or Universities Attended:	Year	Degree
Cornell University (Ithaca)	1958	B.C.E.
University of California (Berkeley)	1959	M.S.
Washington University (St. Louis)	1963	D.Sc.

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Teaching Experience:	From	To
University of Miami	1963	1965
San José State University	1965	1996

Administrative, Business, or Professional Experience (other than teaching):

Associate Dean of Graduate Studies (SJSU)
Mechanical Engineer - Shell Oil Company
Fuels From Biomass, Dept. of Energy, Washington D. C.

Selected Publications:

- Spicher, R. G. and Skrinde, R. J., "Potassium Permanganate Oxidation of Organic Contaminants in Water," *J. American Water Works Association*, 55:1175 (1963).
- Spicher, R. G., Agardy, F. J. and Orlob, G. T., "Cannery Waste Treatment - Part 1: In-Plant Characterization," *Proceedings of 22nd Industrial Waste Conference*, Purdue University, Engineering Bulletin, Vol. LII, No. 3; 44-66 (1967).
- Spicher, R. G. and Seabloom, R. W., "Radioactive Contamination of Water Supplies," Office of Civil Defense, April, 1971.

Personal Commentary:

During my tenure at SJSU I was privileged to serve with a group of outstanding engineers and educators. The Civil Engineering Faculty was a close-knit family who worked well together and liked each other. Our Civil Engineering Department was one of the best in the country and our graduates were in high demand. I look back on my 31 years at SJSU with memories of a good career.

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