

Biography of E.H. Geyer

On March 15, 1930, Edward Heinrich Josef Geyer was born as the 4th child of Willibald Geyer, district teacher and later school board member, and his wife Therese, née Schneider, in Passau-Grubweg (Lower Bavaria). He attended the Passau-Ilzstadt elementary school from 1936 to 1941, then the Passau high school, where he passed his matriculation examination in 1950.

Studies: Winter semester 1950 to summer semester 1955 at the University of Munich for mathematics, physics and astronomy under Professors Gerlach, Rüchardt, Bopp and Rollwagen, Schönberg, Bucerius and Schmeidler. Graduated summa cum laude in June 1955.

- From April 1954 work as a research assistant at the Dr. Karl Remeis Observatory in Bamberg.
- From September scientific employee at this astronomical institute.
- Investigations and observations for a dissertation on a self-chosen topic. In 1960, this was accepted by the natural science faculty of the University of Munich.
- Doctoral examination on February 1, 1961. • April 1961 scientific position at the Landessternwarte Heidelberg-Königstuhl.
- For the period from March 1962 to December 1963 leave of absence and taking over as director of the Boyden Observatory Bloemfontein/South Africa, an international research station which was operated by 5 countries (USA, Belgium, Ireland, Germany, Sweden).
- March 1964 Return to the Landessternwarte Heidelberg in January 1964 with appointment as an observator.
- September 1966 move to the outstation of the University Observatory Bonn, the Hoher List Observatory near Daun/Eifel, taking over management with appointment as main observator. • December 1968 habilitation at the University of Bonn for the subject astronomy.
- May 1970 appointment as adjunct professor.
- September 1982 Professor (C2) for life for practical astronomy at the University of Bonn. Lecture obligations, both practical and theoretical, at the University of Bonn.
- Visiting lecturer for astronomy at the University of Münster (1980) and at the New Mexico State University Las Cruces/USA (1981).
- Retired in March 1995 as a professor at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelm University in Bonn. Longer stays as a guest observer at the following institutes:
 - European Southern Observatory (ESO)/Chile (1969, 1974, 1976, 1982, 1983 and 1985/86). • Las Campanas Observatory Chile (1978).
 - Rozhen Observatory of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (1983 and 1984).
 - Calar Alto Observatory of the MPI Astronomy (1983). • International Ultraviolet Explorer (IUE) ground station Villafranca near Madrid (1980 and 1982).
 - Lano del Hato Observatory Merida – Venezuela (January to March 1989). Miscellaneous:
- 1990 Naming of asteroid No. 4380 Geyer
- 1992 Award of the Oskar-von-Miller-Plaque in gold from the Deutsches Museum in Munich for services to the establishment of the astronomical department of the museum.
- Founding member of the Rotarian Club Daun-Gerolstein
- Member of the American Astronomical Society, German Astronomical Society, German Physical Society, meanwhile honorary member in all organizations

Scientific fields of work were mainly astrophotometry and spectroscopy Range of variable stars, mainly active solar-type stars and photometric ones double star, morphological studies of galaxies and globular star clusters, as well as astronomical metrology and optics. In addition, the sun-weather-climate connections and the ice ages. From 2010 spectroscopic investigations on tropospheric clouds and clear day sky, publication of the results in the book 'Licht der Wolken', Shaker Publisher 2015.

From my marriage to Asja-Doris Fischer in July 1958, I had a daughter, Berenike (1960) and son Frank (1961).

Died on February 19, 2025 in full consciousness

Daun/Schalkenmehren - Hoher List & Brockscheid, July 7th, 2009, supplemented August 2015 and February 2025.