



John Martin Nervik

January 7, 1931 - September 26, 2014

John M. Nervik passed away peacefully at home less than a week after returning from a vacation trip to northwestern Australia. He was 83 years old.

John was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, the youngest of four children of parents who emigrated from Norway. As a young man, he excelled at school and graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a master's degree in electrical engineering in 1954.

He worked for Bell Telephone Laboratories for 25 years and for its subsidiary, Bellcomm, for 10 years. His work included developing the world's first electronic computers, the onboard computers of the Apollo project (Bellcomm), the first Internet, and the original Hertz reservation system.

John was a gentle and loving man, a devoted husband, a caring father and an attentive grandfather. A lifelong learner, he continually challenged himself to new heights, both intellectually and physically. He was an avid outdoorsman, and worked to build and repair hiking trails with Greenbelt Land Trust and the Marys Peak Group of the Sierra Club for 15-plus years. John, with his wife, Denise, traveled the world and took many ambitious bicycling, camping and hiking trips.

John is survived by his wife of 56 years, Denise Nervik; his daughters, Elsa

Nervik and Margaret Ho; his son-in-law, P. Shing Ho; and his grandsons, Alex and Ethan Ho. He was preceded in death by his son, Walter Nervik.

A memorial service will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 1736 N.W. Dixon St., Corvallis.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Corvallis-to-the-Sea Trail Partnership at P.O. Box 1562, Corvallis, OR 97339, or at www.c2ctrail.org. Funds should be specified for trail building.