

# Dr. Ernest Unwin – VHS 1951

UNWIN, Dr. Ernest A. December 17, 1933 - September 17, 2013



Ernie was born in Victoria, B.C. and attended Margaret Jenkins, Vic High, and received his Bachelor Degree in Electrical Engineering at UBC in 1956. He was previously deceased by his Mom and Dad, Arthur and Ada Unwin and his older sister Joyce Andrew, August 2013. Survived by his wife, Sheena, and her family; his sister Gloria (Gogie); daughters Jamie (Ritch), Georgie (Manual), and son Paul (Julie); also grandchildren Kevin, Amber, Colton, Ellery, Matias; and Marion Unwin, mother of his children. On graduating he worked for Proctor and Gamble in Hamilton, Ontario for several years before moving to Tucson, AZ. He attended University of Arizona and received his Masters Degree of Science in 1960. In 1961 he moved to

Potsdam, New York where he taught for three years at Clarkson College of Engineering. In 1964 he returned to University of Arizona to teach and complete his PhD in Systems Engineering in 1968. A Ford Foundation scholarship brought him to CA to work for Sylvania. He taught Engineering at Santa Clara University. In the early 1970's he began a long career teaching/chairing at San Jose State University. He was also a project consultant for varied Silicon Valley Companies, as well as President and Project Director for Theorem Institute. In 1983 he was appointed the position of Chairman of the Industrial and Engineering Department at SJSU, where he taught until he retired in 2001. Throughout his career he published many notable papers. He was a dedicated teacher and passionate about education. Over the years he kept in contact with many of his students. Ernie enjoyed RV'ing and after retiring, he and Sheena spent six months in Victoria every year. His loving, kind and upbeat nature will be deeply missed by us all. A private Tea Party and Celebration of Ernie's Life attended by all his Victoria and California families will be hosted by his nephew Paul and niece Lauren September 3, 2016 in the family home in Gonzalos. We love you Ernie ... Cheers.

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