

## In Memory of John Luther Prince III

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John Luther Prince, III was born November 13, 1941 in Austin, Texas, to Glynda and J.L. Prince, Jr. He died December 16, 2005 in Tucson, AZ. He was a man full of faith. His family and friends were very important to him. He is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 45 years, Martha; children: Cindi (Dan) Cooke, John Prince IV, Alan (Cindy) Prince, and David Prince. While his children were young,

John served as a coach in various baseball leagues and Y.M.C.A. baseball programs. He was a director of a youth football program as well. John was a member of Community of Hope Lutheran Church in Tucson, and considered it a privilege to serve as adult education teacher, council member, Stephen Minister, and in several other ministries there. He was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous for over 20 years, and served in several volunteer capacities through that organization. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, traveling, and collecting stamps and slide rules. His love of music ranged from Bob Dylan to medieval, to classical, shape-note singing and contemporary Christian.

John graduated from Southern Methodist University Magna Cum Laude with a B.S.E.E., and he earned an M.S.E.E. and Ph.D. from North Carolina State University. He was a member of the Technical Staff at Texas Instruments in Dallas, Texas, from 1969-1975. In 1975 he had the opportunity to apply his experience in industry at Clemson University in South Carolina. By the time he left there in 1980 he was a tenured professor in Electrical Engineering. From 1980-1983 he was Director of Reliability Assurance for Intermedics, Inc. In 1983 John and his family moved to Tucson where he returned to his true calling as a Professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering at University of Arizona. He served in numerous capacities including Director of the Center for Electronic Packaging Research. He founded the packaging program at the university and brought significant funding to the research program. He truly enjoyed advising his graduate students, some of whom became good friends and colleagues. He also published many technical journal articles and books. John served as a Distinguished Visiting Scientist and Director (Acting) of Packaging Sciences for Semiconductor Research Corp. in 1991-1992. John was a Fellow of IEEE, and a member of the Electron Devices, Microwave Theory and Techniques, Reliability, Solid-State Circuits, Components, Packaging & Manufacturing Technology groups of IEEE. He was a member of Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, Eta Kappa Nu, and Phi Eta Sigma honorary societies. Among his awards were the Inventor Award from SRC in 1988, and the 1988 Semiconductor International Technology Achievement Award. In 1991 he received an award as Arizona Innovator of the Year. John Prince will be missed by many - family, friends, and colleagues. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be given to the Salvation Army, in John's name.

**Additional Notes:**

Ravi Kaw, Agilent Technologies – “My best friend John decided to say a final goodbye. I feel sad but calm as well, since he was a deeply spiritual person at heart. We talked often about what to do during retirement, and his wish was to help people, which he did all his life, and also to spend time in solitude in a seminary. That is what drove him to help the poor and with the mentoring etc that he used to do. He helped develop people professionally as well. He was a great organizer, motivator, teacher, and a devil's advocate to get his point across. I shall certainly miss him - especially that ever-present smile. I know he is in a better place.”

Alina Deutsch, IBM Corp. – “There have been a handful of people in my life who influenced me significantly, and John was one of those. His memory shall be very dear to me always.

This is a great shock to us all. John had some health problems but he recovered very well and seemed quite energetic. I do not think he missed more than two EPEP meetings in fourteen years. He had a tremendous dedication to the conference and made great contributions to its success. He always brought up some issues to argue about but he was very wise and insightful. He brought Paul Balthes, Kelly Sutton and Pam Dwyer on board and that was the most significant step for the organization of the EPEP conference. The team has made the smooth running of fourteen successful years for the conference possible. John is probably one of the most well recognized and respected person in the CPMT society and he was the founder of the packaging center at University of Arizona. He mentored many good students that were hired at Intel, IBM and other companies and he always supported their work and was there for them in spite of his many travels. He has visited every possible packaging research center in the world and everybody knew him and respected his work. He had a broad vision for packaging that he embodied in all the activities that he touched.

We will all miss him.”

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