



## **Harwood Kolsky**

January 18, 1921 to November 5, 2015

Harwood grew up in Oberlin, western Kansas, and graduated from the University of Kansas with a BS in engineering physics. He served in the US Army in the Pacific for three years in WWII after which he went to Harvard, on the GI Bill, earning a PhD in physics. From 1950 - 1957 he worked at Los Alamos, NM on early large computers. He then joined IBM in NY, transferring to San Jose in 1961. He has lived in Saratoga ever since, with a second home in Santa Cruz. While with IBM he was a visiting professor at Stanford for two years. After retiring from IBM in 1984, he joined the faculty at UC Santa Cruz, teaching computer courses and managing research projects. He retired again in 1996 and has been pursuing his hobbies of photography, family history and genealogy.

His late wife, Frances, was from his home town of Oberlin, an area which was settled by many Czech families, including both of theirs. (Harwood has researched and published the histories of these Czech families of Oberlin.) Harwood and Frances, a high school teacher, were married for 61 years, producing four children and three grandchildren. She passed away last year. Now Harwood puts his many talents, time and experience to good use at SRC as president of our Residents Council.