



Alan Marston

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Alan was born and raised in Huntington, West Virginia. After high school he joined the Navy, studying for two years as a Naval Air Cadet at the University of Virginia. He received his bachelor degree in electrical engineering from the University of Louisville. After graduation, he worked for the next seven years at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory in Silver Spring, MD. During this time he met and married his wife Nancy, an avid water color artist. She was a mathematician at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland where she worked at the Applied Physics Labs.

In 1957 the Marstons moved to Glendora in Southern California where Alan eventually formed his own company and became the Director of the Digital Department, designing seismic graphic systems, control systems for steel mills and instrumentation for wind tunnels. In 1967 they moved to Los Altos. Alan joined Hewlett Packard as a Development Engineer and was involved in the design of their first microprocessor. He also returned to UC Berkeley and Stanford for graduate studies. Later he spent a number of years with Sun Microsystems where he worked on the design of their first SPARC microprocessor. After finally retiring he taught mathematics and science to 4th, 5th and 6th graders at NASA Ames.

Alan's wife passed away in 2006. He chose to move to SRC to remain close to his many friends in the Bay Area. In the past, Alan was involved with the Boy Scouts of America; as a hobby he enjoyed model woodworking. He is now active in his church and also in the Sons In Retirement organization. Many of Nancy's beautiful paintings adorn the walls throughout Alan's SRC residence. He has four children and seven grandchildren. After becoming seriously ill with Lou Gehrig's disease, Alan moved to San Marcos, California.