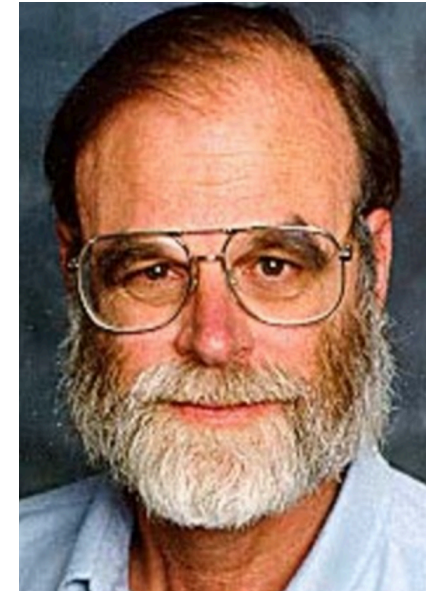


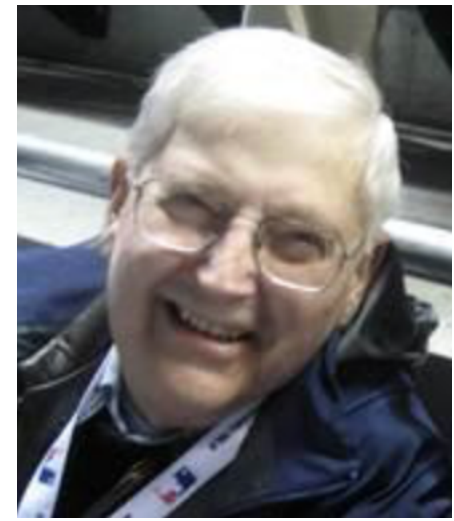
Remembering Our Friends

# Jim Gray – January 12, 1944 – January 28, 2007?



- Born in San Francisco, January 12, 1944
  - Married to Loretta (divorced): 1 daughter & 3 grandkids; Married to Donna Carnes
  - Missing at sea January 28, 2007
- UC Berkeley; BS (1966) Engineering Mathematics  
PhD (1969) in Programming Languages with Michael Harrison
- IBM (1969 – 1980)
  - IBM Postdoc at Berkeley (1969-1971)
  - IBM Watson Research, Yorktown Heights (1971) – First heard John Cocke pose the problem of scalable computing
  - IBM San Jose Research (1972 – 1980) Data management, relational systems, transactions, System R, granular database locking, two-tier transaction commit semantics, ACID test for transactions
- Tandem (1980 - 1990)
  - Cupertino, CA – Fault tolerance, NonStop SQL, “five minute rule” for allocating storage, data cube operators, “Why Do Computers Stop and What Can Be Done About It?”, Drove industry acceptance of benchmarks (TPC Council – 1985)
  - Started HPTS in 1985 with Andreas Reuter and Dieter Gawlick – Personally managed whatever it took to make it happen
- DEC (1990 – 1994)
  - Wrote “Transaction Processing: Concepts & Techniques” with Andreas Reuter (1000 pages)
- Microsoft (1994-2007)
  - TerraServer, “put all the world’s data online”, scientific large data, much more
- ACM Turing Award (1998):
  - *“For seminal contributions to database and transaction processing research and technical leadership in system implementation”.*

# Ed Lassettre – January 16, 1934-November 1, 2015



- Born in Anaconda, Montana in 1934
  - Married to Polly from 1961-2015 (4 kids)
- BS and MS in Mathematics from Ohio State
- IBM (1958 – 2003)
  - IBM Columbus (1958-1969)
  - IBM Poughkeepsie (1969-1976)
  - IBM Santa Teresa (1976-2003)
  - Appointed IBM Fellow (1987) for work in software architecture and operating systems
  - Team leader, timing & scoring for 1998 Japan Winter Olympics & 2000 Sydney Summer Olympics
- Microsoft, Redmond (2003-2013)
  - High Performance Computing work
  - Retired at age 79
- HPTS:
  - First attended in 1987.
  - Active supporter who worked aggressively to support HPTS
  - Repeatedly called to find out if he could send money to help HPTS















To the organizers of the HTPS conference:

Thank you for remembering my father, Ed Lassettre. Two years ago, he was so determined to make it to the conference one last time. When he could not, and you in essence brought the conference to him, he was deeply moved. And humbled. ( I was his test monkey for setting up Skype, so you also gave me one last father-daughter project with him, btw. :)) HPTS meant a lot to him, and it was one of his key contributions of life (poorly worded but I hope you get the sense). I say "life" and not "professional career" because so much of who my father was, was tied up with what he "did".

I have attached a very few pics. One is of a sweatshirt he gave me years ago. It is still often "in service". Another I found on a camera he gave me, a first take with what was then a new toy. I included a service pic because without the GI bill, Dad could not have financed his undergrad by himself, and those 2 years in the military laid a lot of groundwork for shaping the self described- and actual- nerd and mathematician.

Thank you again for remembering my father, while he was still here as well as after. I was deeply touched to find a mention and link to his obit soon after his passing: 'the king is gone but not forgotten', in the words of Neil Young.

Lastly, here is to a successful conference this year, and may there be many more to come.

Marian Lassettre



# Next:

- Thanks very much for participating—you make HPTS work!
  - Thanks especially to Adrian Cockcroft and the 2017 Program Committee!
- HPTS 2019
  - PC Chair: Ippokratis Pandis
  - Dates: Sunday, November 3 to Wednesday, November 6, 2019
- Please send presentations to our esteemed webmaster, Mark Little ([mlittle@redhat.com](mailto:mlittle@redhat.com)), or to any of Adrian, Pat and Shel.