

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION JOHN G. HERRIOT

(1916-2003)

Professor John G. "Jack" Herriot died on March 16, 2003 at the age of 87. He had been a Professor at Stanford (of Mathematics and then of Computer Science) from 1946 until his retirement in 1982. He was acting chair from 1966 until 1967 and again after the death of George Forsythe from 1972 until 1973.

Herriot taught the first programming course in 1955, and he was director of the Stanford Computation Center from 1953 until 1961. Herriot was one of the founding members of the Computer Science department in 1966.

Herriot's major interests was in numerical analysis with a specialty in algorithm development. He was the author of an elementary book on the subject. He also helped to recruit George Forsythe to the campus, and Forsythe provided the energy and foresight to make the Stanford Computer Science Department world renown.

Herriot provided good advice and council to Forsythe. He was supportive of all the major and important appointments made in the CS department in the '60's. An outwardly conservative man, he and his wife graciously entertained the new students at their home for many years. He had numerous interests from ballroom dancing to grand opera and outdoor activities.

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