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George M.W. Badger

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On November 15th, George Badger passed away.

Born George Milton Welles Badger on February 22, 1925, he grew up in Berkeley, California where he attended University High School before being drafted into the Army in 1943. George was in Patton's 3rd army at the Battle of the Bulge, and then served as Technical Sergeant in with the 89th Infantry Signal Corps in Europe.

After the war, George returned to California and attended UC Berkeley, graduating in 1951 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He was a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity, Colonel in the ROTC and President of the Amateur Radio Club.

Badger was recruited out of college to work with Professor E.O. Lawrence on developing a color television tube. His career path led to transmission tube and circuit design, where he held seven patents as well as an Emmy Award for the invention of a special vacuum tube used for UHF television broadcast.



George Badger

Badger served as

- a design engineer for EIMAC
- EIMAC Product Manager and Marketing Director. When EIMAC was acquired by Varian, George worked in the microwave tube division.
- President of Svetlana Electron Devices
- Vice President of Business Development of CPI Econco.

Badger's lifetime passion was Amateur Radio, included building equipment, antennas and working DX. Originally licensed as W6RXW at the age of 14 in 1939, his call was W6TC. He was an ARRL member for 69 continuous years, was elected as a Fellow in the Radio Club of America, and held DXCC Honor Roll #1, 5BDXCC and 5BWAZ.

Married to Nancy Naylor for 51 years, Badger had three children, Deborah Badger Denny (married to Scott Denny), Carol Marie Badger and John Cunningham Badger (married to Tine Normann). They also have four grandchildren, Ryan Thomas Denny, Lindsay Marie Denny, Natasha Normann Badger and Christopher Normann Badger.

Contributions in memory of George can be made to the Stanford University Medical Center, Department of Immunology, 2700 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025

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