



Communiqué

John Hammerback, Professor Emeritus,
Passed Away May 9, 2012

John Hammerback, surrounded by those closest to him, died on May 9th at Evergreen

Communication faculty member Valerie Smith states, "John has left an indelible imprint on my life, shaping the person that I have become in profound ways."

He was profoundly grateful for the loving partnership of his wife of 47 years, Jean, and the devotion of his beloved daughters Kristen Hammerback and Karen Sonneborn. He was also survived by Kristen's husband, Mark Smith; Karen's husband, William Sonneborn; five doted-on grandchildren; and his brother and sister-in-law, William and Barbara Hammerback.

A dedicated Christian, he strove for a generosity of spirit in all aspects of his life. Those of us who knew John will miss his keen intellect, quick wit, gentle spirit and loving nature.

In lieu of flowers, donations are welcome to either of two organizations that John admired and supported: United Farmworkers (UFW) or Eastside Academy, a high school in Bellevue, Washington serving at-risk youth.

An obituary with a guest registry to offer memories and condolences appears in the on May 13, 2012. Please post your fond memories of John for all of us to read at <http://www.legacy.com/guestbook/seattletimes/guestbook.aspx?n=john-hammerback&pid=157561001&cid=full> (or replace with [link](#) when it comes out)

A memorial open house will be held on June 10 in the bay area. All who knew and were close to John are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please e-mail his daughter Karen at karen@sonnebornfamily.com to RSVP and for further details.

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