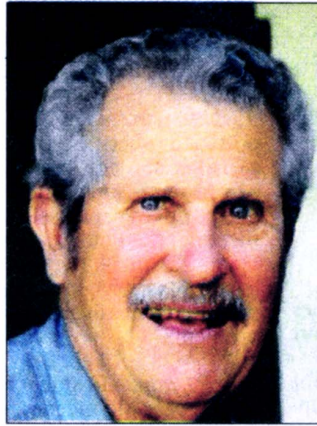


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## John Nelson Fulton 1937-2015

John Fulton passed away on Feb. 15, 2015, at Northern Nevada Medical Center in Sparks, Nev., where he was an in-patient in the Senior Bridges program. John succumbed to dementia-related Parkinson's disease. He overcame stage-three colon cancer in 2006. Though he had suffered recurring back pain from lumbar stenosis serious enough to require surgery, he managed to be ambulatory until quite recently. He was born in Licking County, Bennington Township, Ohio, July 5, 1937. He is survived by his wife Ann. They had been married 55 years.

John served in the U.S. Navy as a computer technology instructor during the escalation of the Vietnam War. He had a Bachelor of Science degree from California State University Los Angeles with a major in economics and a minor in business administration. He spent the bulk of his career in various electronic data processing industries, including early-on optical character reading with a development firm out of Dallas. He joined a Chicago consulting firm specializing in data systems evaluation for public entities. A number of years prior to retirement he had a long tenure with national corporations concentrating on smart

card technologies, patient ID systems for hospitals, bank cards and casino player cards. He traveled extensively on various assignments in Canada and throughout the U.S., including Hawaii.

John and Ann bought a house in Bishop 15 years ago in anticipation of enjoying the great outdoors of the Eastern Sierra. They had climbed a number of Sierra peaks, including Mt. Whitney, which John did twice. With friends from here and elsewhere there was a lot of exploring back roads and retracing large segments of the Oregon and Applegate Trails in remote Idaho, Nevada and Oregon and the Lewis and Clark route in Montana. They visited isolated rock art sites all over the West, did river rafting and ski mountaineering.

John had some favorite destinations from their international trips: Stonehenge in England; Machu Picchu in Peru; the Galapagos Islands; the veldts and rivers of Africa; Patagonia, the Southern Ice Field and Strait of Magellan in Chili; and the Himalayas in Nepal and Tibet. As a father John was an active participant in the many family activities of youth sports, waterskiing, alpine skiing and camping.

John was a Paul Harris Fellow and active member of Noon Rotary for 10 years. He enjoyed the camaraderie and projects undertaken by the group.

John is mourned by Ann and his close-knit and supportive family: son, Brian and daughter-in-law, Ashley, and grandchildren Finley and Garrett of Glendive, Mont.; son, Brady and granddaughters Madeline, Chloe and Lilly of San Diego; daughter, Megan and son-in-law, Greg Boas and granddaughters, Morgan and Heather of Truckee; and older brother, Robert Boyd Fulton and sister-in-law Joyce of Columbus, Ohio, and their family.

The family plans a private memorial gathering in the near future.