

John W. Ellsworth

Aug. 14, 1934 - Aug. 7, 1997

John W. Ellsworth, 62, of Edwardsville, IL, died Thursday, Aug. 7, 1997 at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Mr Ellsworth was born Aug. 14, 1934, in Indianapolis, Ind., the son of James C. and Nellie L. Larson Ellsworth of Pasadena, CA.

Surviving in addition to his parents, are his wife, Rosanda R. Richards-Ellsworth of Edwardsville, IL; two sons, John R. Ellsworth and wife Kimberly, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Christopher N. Ellsworth of Bethesda, MD; a daughter, Laura Ellsworth of Eureka, MO.; a mother-in-law, Yolanda Richards of Monticello; a sister-in-law, Ronda Richards of Madison; two brothers, Tom Ellsworth and wife, Ilene, and David Ellsworth and wife, Donna Jo, all of Agoura, CA; two sisters, Christine Cottom and husband, Jay, of Phoenix, Ariz. and Mary Kay Pletch and husband, Peter, of Provo, Utah; and 32 nieces and nephews.

Mr. Ellsworth attended Sacramento State college where he received a B. A. He later received his Ph. D. from Claremont Graduate School. He served in the U. S. Air Force from 1953 to 1957. From 1960 to 1979, he was a college professor and administrator, finishing his career at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville as a professor of government and public affairs. From 1979 to 1993, Mr. Ellsworth pioneered the personal computer industry. He founded Centaurus Communications, Ltd., an early P. C. computer dealership focusing on education and small business. He managed sales Operations for AmeriSource, a subsidiary of United Telecommunications, Bell Atlantic, Compushop, and Sears Roebuck. He retired from this business in 1993,

Memorial services were Tuesday, Aug. 12, at the Religious Center at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Burial will be in Monticello at a later date.