Herbert Johnson

April 17, 1933 — March 16, 2015

COTTONWOOD, Ariz./BRECKENRIDGE, Minn. — Herbert Johnson of Cottonwood died March, 16, 2015.

He was born April 17, 1933, in Breckenridge, to Martha and Herbert Johnson.

He grew up and attended school in Breckenridge, graduating in 1951. He went on to school at Moorhead University, Moorhead, Minn., graduating in 1955 with a degree in mathematics education. Herb began his teaching career in the city of Minneapolis in 1956, teaching mathematics at Northeast JHS, where he taught for five years.

He attended graduate school at the University of Minnesota, New Mexico Highlands University and the University of Oregon. He was awarded a Master’s Degree at New Mexico, and a Doctorate at the University of Oregon. He worked for Beckman Instruments, Fullerton, Calif., for five years before joining the staff at Winona State University, Winona, in 1966. Herb taught mathematics at WSU until his retirement in 1993. He served as department chairman for ten years. During a leave of absence from WSU, 1986 to 88, Herb taught mathematics in Shah Alam, Malaysia, as a visiting professor, Indiana University.

Herb married Lois Swift June 6, 1954. They were blessed with three children, Jay, Carrie and Peter.

Herb and Lois moved to the Verde Valley in 1993. Herb was co-chairman of the Verde Village Long Range Planning Committee, and served for a number of years on the Verde Valley Concert Association Board. He served as president of the organization.

Herb was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Ray; and his son, Peter.

He is survived by his wife, Lois; his two children, Jay of Wenatchee, Wash., and Carrie of Maple Valley, Wash.; Carrie’s husband, Kevin; Jay’s wife, Carole; six granddaughters and two grandsons; his sister, Betty of Palm Springs, Calif.; and his sister, Mary and her husband, Delmore of Carver, Minn.

A memorial service for Herb was held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 23, at Faith Lutheran Church, located on Fir Street in Cottonwood.

Memorial donations may be made to the Mayo Clinic, Department of Development, 200 First St. SW, Rochester, Minn., 55905. Please include a note or write on the memo asking it to go to Cancer Research in memory of Herbert N. Johnson.