John Struthers Hood, born in Bellingham, Washington, was an only child. He had numerous talents and interests. He graduated from Carnegie Mellon University in 1965 with both his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Electrical Engineering. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi. John worked for Dow Chemical as the only Electrical Engineer in the company. He was sent overseas to open a company in the Philippines where he was responsible for seven countries within the company. He was the National Sales Manager for Dow Chemical until he retired.

His interests were multiple when he was not traveling with his wife, Judy, from reading to the Get Set children to writing and doing Calligraphy, or bible study with his church men's group.

His marriage to Judy lasted one week short of 60 years when he passed. He leaves behind four adult grandchildren and their spouses who mostly live on the west coast in Spokane, WA.

He was the father of three children, Doug, David, and Alicia; as well as many international exchange students over the years. One of the exchange students is Hiro Tejima from Japan who was nineteen when he came to live with us and is here today to speak. Hiro now lives in Sydney, Australia with his family.