

Remembrances of Dave Pricer

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W. David Pricer passed away April 15, 2020 (age 84) at his home in Charlotte, Vermont. Dave held BS and MS degrees in Electrical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and an AB degree in Physics from Middlebury College, all in 1959!

He was employed for 40 years in various positions in IBM including Manager of Advance Circuit Technology at IBM's Essex Junction plant. Through his work at IBM he was granted 125 U.S. patents, as either inventor or co-inventor. In 1993 he was elected to the IBM Academy of Technology. He was grateful to his employer for its support in allowing him to also pursue additional professional activities. These included: Chairman of the IEEE International Solid-State Circuits Conference (ISSCC), Editor of the IEEE Journal of Solid-State Circuits, Chair of the Solid-State Circuits Council (now Society), and Adjunct Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Vermont. In 1978 he was elected Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers "for contributions to the development of computer memory technology." In 2000, he was awarded the IEEE Third Millennium Medal for services to his professional society. Following his years at IBM, he worked an additional eleven years as a consultant.

In his role with ISSCC, Dave held numerous positions over a 40-year period, including International Arrangements, Program Chair, Conference Chair, SCS Representative, Executive Committee Chair, Corporate Relations, and finally as Executive Director. Dave retired from "formal" ISSCC volunteer duties in 2011, but continued to offer his institutional memory, expertise, and sound advice until very recently.

Dave's 84 years were filled with so many wonderful family, friends, and colleagues who will all dearly miss him.

