

More than 700 join in

# A celebration of Howard's life

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They came from all age groups and all walks of life, far and near, to remember Howard Vollum last Saturday at the University of Portland Chiles Center.

"This is a special moment, a special way to remember a founder, inventor and friend," remarked Paul Carlson, Tek board member and chairman of the Oregon Graduate Center, as he welcomed more than 700 persons—friends and business associates of Howard and active and retired employees of Tek.

The "celebration of Howard's life" included selections by the Oregon Symphony Orchestra directed by James DePriest, remarks by 10 speakers, and refreshments.

Rev. Thomas Oddo, University of Portland president, described Howard in the invocation as a "human giant, servant leader, loving, challenging friend who had performed a gracious service to society and community."

Jim Castles, Tek board member and retired Tek vice president, gave glimpses of Howard's accomplishments in the early years of Tektronix and also paid tribute to co-founder Jack Murdock. "The history of Tek was the engineering genius of Howard and the organizational genius of Jack Murdock," Jim noted.

"The memories of that unique person and his legacy will live on," Jim added, as he traced Howard's role in shaping Tek from its small beginnings in 1946 to the world's largest scope maker in 1986 with \$1.5 billion in sales and employees near 20,000.

Bill Webber, Tek Foundation secretary and retired Tek vice presi-



John Gray, Tektronix board member, presented portraits of Howard Vollum (business, science and engineering leader, giver and doer, and personal friend). Other speakers at the service included Tek board members Leonard Laster (behind John) and Paul Carlson. Paul also presided at the service.

dent, told of Howard and Jack's goals in corporate charitable giving, operating a foundation by consensus (they were excellent listeners).

"The foundation sought to fund good projects which didn't have general public appeal," Bill noted. "Howard was compassionate and deeply interested in science and research, social welfare and the arts."

Howard's pastor, Rev. Bertram Griffin of St. Pius X Catholic Church in Cedar Mill, said the Tek co-founder heeded the words of the Prophet Micah in the Old Testament: "Do justice, love compassion and walk humbly with your God." Howard was a man of faith and his public and personal life, scientific genius and humility were all based on his religious beliefs.

John Gray, Tek Board chairman, painted three portraits (snapshots) of Howard as a businessman-scientist-engineer, as a giver and doer, and as a personal friend.

"He took responsibility seriously; worked hard; had a deep concern for the company, the product, excellence and education for all," John recalled. "He was also a caring friend, a keen observer who shared what he knew and who did not impose on anyone."

John will remember Howard's camera case, the old plaid raincoat, photos of wildflowers in Oregon and overseas, and such one liners as "not too shabby" and "no free lunch."

Leonard Laster, Tek board member and president, Oregon Health Sciences University, conversed as if directly to

Howard. "Dear Howard," he said, "it was a privilege to walk with your aura...to learn something new...to see old things in a new light."

Calling Howard "an eternal catalyst for evoking the best in people, a beacon in the night, and an uncommon individual," Leonard concluded, "Howard, we love you."

Wim Velsink, Tek Executive vice president, said Howard was committed to excellence, showing it in everything he did. "He had a gift to get to the crux of the matter, to find better ways of doing things and improving on it. He nurtured new, fragile ideas and was impatient when a good idea was not picked up."

"Howard's enthusiasm to excel was absolutely contagious," Wim continued. "He was not only committed to excellence—he was excellence."

Earl Wantland, Tek president, said Howard had a determination to add value and he added value to everything. Tek was built on a "high density" rock with good people and good value. "Thank you, Howard," Earl added.

Bill Walker, president of ESI and former Tek executive vice president, traced Howard's accomplishments with the oscilloscope and told how that instrument has been the centerpiece of technology with a profound impact on the world.

"Howard was at the forefront of those who pioneered and created a century in which mankind reached for the stars," Bill concluded.

Paul Carlson, discussing our legacy for tomorrow, noted that Howard had left us with many pearls such as opportunity, commitment, vision, focus, values, generosity, leadership, trust, caring and a sense of faith.

A celebration hymn, "Ode to Joy," from Beethoven's Symphony #9 concluded the service with the audience and orchestra joining together to "praise the Lord for he is glorious... God has made his saints victorious." □



Friends, business associates and Tek employees—both active and retired—came to the University of Portland Chiles Center March 1 to remember Howard Vollum. Photo shows portion of the audience which numbered more than 700.



Earl Wantland (Tek president), shown on TV monitor, recalled Howard Vollum's achievements in building Tektronix during Saturday's memorial service. Corporate TV and Media Services videotaped the entire program for showing to Tek groups. For information, call 627-1586.



James DePriest, conductor for the Oregon Symphony, leads orchestra in the last movement of Beethoven's Symphony #7, one of Howard Vollum's favorite selections. Orchestra members donated their time for the memorial service. Other numbers included an interlude and Barber's Adagio for Strings.