

IN MEMORIAM

EDWARD JOHN LEMMON  
(1930-1966)

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John Lemmon, one of whose last papers appeared in the *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*, was born in Sheffield, England, on June 1, 1930. He read "Greats" at Magdalen College, Oxford, where he became a Junior Fellow. In 1957 he became a Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford, where he tutored in philosophy. After a visiting professorship at the University of Texas he decided to immigrate to the U.S.A. and from 1963 till his death was teaching at Claremont Graduate School in California. His death was due to heart failure, suffered while on a climbing expedition with some students, on Mt. Baldy, July 29, 1966.

Apart from the affection and esteem in which he was held by a wide circle of friends on both sides of the Atlantic, Lemmon's early death was particularly regretted by the logical fraternity, since he was enjoying a remarkably creative period. He was first stimulated into serious work in logic by A. N. Prior's John Locke lectures in Oxford which later appeared as *Time and Modality*. Modal Logic at once became his chosen field and he contributed largely to the enrichment and ordering of what had been a rather messy area. His first two papers in *The Journal of Symbolic Logic*, Alternative Postulates and New Foundations (listed below) are still often quoted. His joint paper with M. A. E. Dummett on Modal Logics between S4 and S5 showed a recently found appreciation of the usefulness of an algebraic approach in this field, and this interest was intensively developed in a series of illuminating papers beginning with Extensional Algebras (the first paper published in this journal) and culminating in Algebraic Semantics I and II and Finite Axiomatizability. At the time of his death a joint book with Dana Scott was in an advanced stage of preparation.

Lemmon reviewed extensively; at one time he always seemed to be occupied with work for *Mathematical Reviews*, and had a persistent interest in moral philosophy. He was a delightful friend and generous collaborator.

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