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### CHRISTOPHER JOHN ASH

Christopher John ASH died in February 1995. He was 50 years old and had been on the faculty of Monash University in Australia. He had studied at Oxford under John N. Crossley and moved to Monash with Crossley. He was best known for his work in recursive structure theory, which grew out of joint work that he had carried out with Anil Nerod. Examples of his research can be seen in his paper “Categoricity in Hyperarithmetical Degrees”, *Annals of Pure and Applied Logic* 34 (1987), 1–15 and in his joint paper with Rod G. Downey, “Decidable Subspaces and Recursively Enumerable Subspaces”, *Journal of Symbolic Logic* 49 (1984), 1137–1145. He participated with Crossley, C. J. Brickhill, J. C. Stillwell, and N. H. Williams in writing *What Is Mathematical Logic?* (Oxford University Press, 1972; reprinted: Dover, 1990), based on a popular series of lectures for non-mathematicians which he and Crossley organized at Monash University and the University of Melbourne in the autumn and winter of 1971.

### JOHN VINCENT ATANASOFF (1903 – 1995)

John Vincent ATANASOFF died of a stroke at his home in Frederick, Maryland on 15 June 1995 following a prolonged illness. He was born in Hamilton, New York on 4 October 1903.

In the first months of 1937 that he conceived the idea of combining electronics, binary arithmetic, and Boolean algebra to build an electronic digital computer, using binary arithmetic for computation, Boolean switching-relay circuitry for machine logic, and electrical and electronic components for machine hardware.

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