

Ken Vanbree



At Caledonia High School, Ken was active in an electronics club which swayed his decision to pursue studies in Electrical Engineering. After graduation, he first attended Grand Rapids Junior College and then transferred to the University of Michigan, earning his B.S. in Electrical Engineering. In the fall of 1968, Ken entered Massachusetts Institute of Technology on a National Science Foundation Fellowship, where he studied semiconductor technology and computers. He graduated in 1971 with a Master's and Engineer's Degree in Electrical Engineering and joined Hewlett Packard Laboratories in Palo Alto, CA.

Ken spent more than thirty years at Hewlett Packard and Agilent Technologies, which spun off from HP in 1991. He participated in the birth and development of the semiconductor revolution that affects every aspect of our lives today. Ken has helped to develop semiconductor processes, written computer programs to design leading edge Integrated Circuits, and managed design and support organizations for creating state of the art IC's for use in computers, calculators, and printers. In 2003, Ken left Agilent to pursue his dream of starting a business of his own—combining his interest in high tech with his interest in photography. Ken and his wife, Gloria, have also supported a science and technology interim at Caledonia Schools, where students get to visit the Silicon Valley and experience the potentials of a career in the field. We are pleased to have Ken as our 2003 Honored Alumnus.