

OBITUARY JOHN RHEINSTEIN

John Rheinstein, a widely respected physicist who was a major contributor to the development of ballistic missile defense technology, died on January 10, 2017 in Bedford, Massachusetts.

John was born in Germany and emigrated to the U.S. with his parents as a young child. At Dartmouth he was a math major, a member of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity, and active in WDBS, the College radio station. After service as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy he earned an MS degree in physics at the University of Chicago and a PhD at the Technische Hochschule in Munich.

He spent 30 years as an associate division head in the Systems Analysis Group of Lincoln Laboratory's Re-Entry Systems program. His research and scientific writings were cited by the *Journal of Defense Research*. From 1969 to 1973 he was part of a Lincoln Labs team which served as scientific advisors to the U.S. Army Missile Test Site at Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands. He retired in 1990 but remained active as a consultant.

In more recent years John traveled widely with his late wife, Betty. He was an avid reader, HAM radio operator and dog lover, as well as a volunteer tax consultant for the elderly. He is survived by his second wife, Eve, three children and three grandchildren.