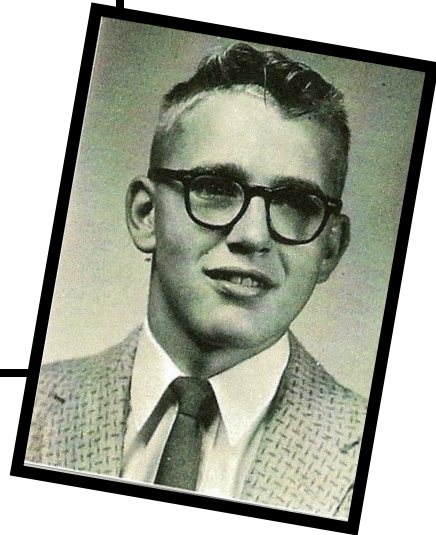


*Introducing...*

*Ron Rackley*

*Class of 1959*

*Hall of Fame, 2011*



Ron Rackley did not receive his high school degree along with his classmates due to a lack of required credits, gaining the extra requirements later that summer. He then joined the Air Force, becoming an electronic technician on radio and radar systems. After his military service he planned attendance in college to become a secondary education teacher, hoping to work in a high school. A chance meeting with a former Powell High classmate led to employment at Tennessee Institute of Electronics as a part-time lab instructor. Ron, along with earning a B. S. degree at UT, advanced through the ranks to full-time instructor, senior instructor, vice-president of the school, an opportunity to purchase stock in the school, and eventually to President and owner of the school, now named Fountainhead College of Technology.

Ron's work allowed him the opportunity to "fall in love with learning" which he had not done in his earlier years in school. He established a special goal for himself as instructor and educator to motivate his students to get turned on to learning. He loved industrial electronics, digital electronics and even Boolean algebra! Although presently President Emeritus of his school, his sons grew up around the institute and one of them worked through the ranks as instructor and is now President of the college. Many, many students experienced the impact of Ron's life on their own lives.

Ron was an integral part of planning the Class of 1050 50<sup>th</sup> reunion and as treasurer handled many of the financial details. He has generously offered the site of Fountainhead for an upcoming June get-together for the Class of 1959 who have committed to stay in touch in these golden years.

Ron, we salute you and your life contributions!