Biographical updates

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Paul R. Halmos, the author of the textbook *Naive Set Theory*, died in 2006. Paul J. Cohen, who made major contributions related to the Continuum Hypothesis and other questions of a similar nature, died in 2007. John W. Backus, whose work on computer language grammars is mentioned in the course notes and who also invented the standard programmning language FORTRAN, died in 2007.

Here is further biographical information on two other mathematicians mentioned in the course notes:

W. B. Easton (1939 –) [mentioned for work on the equivalence of the ZF and NBG approaches to set theory and for his work on possibilities for the sequence of cardinal numbers 2^α, where α runs through all cardinal numbers]

R. M. Solovay (1938 –) [mentioned for work on the equivalence of the ZF and NBG approaches to set theory]