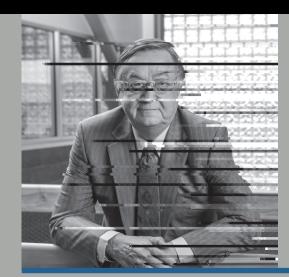
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Nottingham, 75, is a retired engineer who designed more than 300 Alaska bridges, including this one. With designs from Hurricane Gulch to Sitka on his resume, Nottingham's bridges have carried thousands of Alaskans across glacial rivers a TJ0.049 Tw Tta f)4.9 (ew y)15 (ears after he gr)10 (aduated. That')49.9 (s when, in a local) TJ0.067 Tw Ttnew)5 (spaper)49.9 (, he sa)15 (w an accut one girder in half, it would still stand," Nottingham says.

The bridge, almost one half mile long and rising 200 feet above the swirling brown surface of the river, stands today like a ramp (with a 6 percent grade) connecting northern Alaska to the rest of the state. Nottingham designed it in just three months, but Alaska's iconic bridge will last a long time.

"After the 2002 (Denali Fault magnitude 7.9) earthquake, everybody ran up to the Yukon River Bridge to see the damage," Nottingham says. "None. That bridge will be there 200 years from now."