

HOWARD E. SAUNDERS



Born on September 17, 1938, in Edmonton, North London, England, passed away peacefully on August 24, 2024, in Pittsburgh. He was 85 years old. Howard was the beloved son of Harry and Cesira Saunders. He pursued his passion for chemistry, earning a BS in Chemistry from the Polytechnic of North London, a PhD in Organic Chemistry from the University of London and a Certificate in Polymer

Chemistry from Carnegie Mellon University.

Howard's professional journey led him to Pittsburgh, where he joined Westinghouse's Research and Development center. Over more than 30 years, he became an internationally recognized expert in materials and coatings that provide electrical insulation, significantly contributing to various Westinghouse products. Even after retiring, Howard continued to share his expertise as a consultant for over a decade, mentoring many students along the way.

Howard's personal life was marked by love and resilience. He married Jacqueline Case in 1964 and together they had two sons, Aleister, born in 1967 in London, England and Timothy, born in 1971 in Pittsburgh, PA. After their divorce in 1978, Howard dedicated himself to raising his sons full-time. Jacqueline passed away in 2011.

Aleister is married to Nomi (née Eve) and has three children, Lev, Atara and Eden. Timothy is married to Aletia (née DeOrio) and has two children, Tynan and Katie. In 1980, Howard found love again with Pamela Von Plinsky. They shared a beautiful life together until Pamela's passing in 2015. Howard, Aleister and Timothy were warmly embraced by Pamela's parents and her siblings, Rachel (Dan Krantz), Wendy (Pat O'Donnell), Dave (Terecita), Mike and Chris. Since 2016, Howard was lovingly accompanied in life and adventure by his girlfriend, Cindy Ross-Katz.

Howard was a man of many talents and passions. He was a gifted athlete, excelling in tennis, squash, soccer and biking. His love for jazz was evident in his skill with the drums, vibraphone and piano. He was also an avid reader and had a deep appreciation for theater.

Howard will be remembered for his intellectual curiosity, outgoing nature, sense of humor, positivity and social spirit. He was a friendly, loving, supportive and resilient individual, who touched the lives of many.

Howard's deepest passion was his family and nothing made him happier or prouder than to be with family, especially his grandchildren. Howard is survived by his sons, Aleister and Timothy; his grandchildren; and his girlfriend, Cindy. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

A celebration of Howard's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society in Howard's memory.

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