

IRA WOLF (Age 70)

Died in Washington, D.C., on January 15, 2016. Ira was born on September 4, 1945 in Brooklyn, New York, and grew up in Freeport, New York. His parents were Dr. Carl Wolf and Martha Wolf. He graduated from Calhoun High School in 1963; Binghamton University (Harpur College) in 1967; SUNY-Albany in 1968 and University of Hawaii in 1980. Ira is survived by his brother Barry; wife Jeanne; son Jason; son Adam; four grandchildren and several nephews and nieces. He was happily married to Jeanne since 1968 and derived immense joy from his young grandchildren.

Ira visited 88 countries in his lifetime and had his sights set on 100, but cancer unfortunately curtailed his retirement travel plans. He continued to work until the end, demonstrating the passion he held for his career and for the people with whom he worked. For the past decade, Ira was Japan representative at Pharmaceutical Research Manufacturers of America (PhRMA). Ira spent more than 25 years working with Asian-American trade issues, at the United States Trade Representative; Motorola; Kodak and others. After joining the foreign service following college graduation he spent more than half his adult life living in Asia, mostly in Japan. He loved all things Japanese, especially sushi, sumo and Japanese antiques.

Ira was a passionate, generous, upbeat and loving father, grandfather, husband, colleague, mentor and friend. His courageousness and zealous self-advocacy in battling cancer was an inspiration to his family and friends and he didn't slow down until it became clear that the cancer was winning the battle. Ira wanted to be remembered by people who knew him while he was alive, so no funeral or memorial service is planned. The family would be grateful if contributions were made in his name to the or Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Care Center.

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