



Boris Zuskov

November 18, 1959 - October 1, 2022

We are sad to announce the passing of Boris Zuskov. He died at age 62 on October 1, 2022 surrounded by his wife and daughters. Boris died less than a month after being diagnosed with advanced cancer.

Boris was the beloved husband of Marina, affectionate father to Diana (33) and Sabrina (25), and devoted younger brother of Lev.

Boris was born in Baku, Azerbaijan on November 18, 1959 to David and Sarah Zuskov. He graduated from the Azerbaijan Institute of Oil & Chemistry with Masters' Degree in Engineering, where he met his lifelong friends who would become his family after they settled in Houston.

In 1988, he was introduced to Marina through mutual friends. They married a year later, and left Baku as refugees to start a new journey in the United States. Their journey was briefly interrupted in Vienna, Austria as they welcomed their first-born, Diana, on August 23, 1989, before arriving in Buffalo, New York in October 1989. He jumped headfirst into learning American language and traditions, and five years later relocated to Houston, Texas, to advance his career and reunite with his college friends and community.

On April 30, 1997, he welcomed another daughter, Sabrina.

Boris excelled as a drilling engineer, providing subject matter expertise and mentorship to many in his 19 years at ExxonMobil.

Boris and Marina's partnership was the epitome of deep love and mutual support. Their affection and love is reflected in a quote they both cherished: "I love you not only for what you are, but for what I am when I am with you. I love you not only for what you have made of yourself, but for what you are making of me. I love you for the part of me that you bring out."

Boris also treasured his role as a "girl dad", taking a proud and active role in every decision, from braiding his daughters' hair, bringing them gifts from every business trip, and encouraging them to excel in education and career.

He loved traveling with his family around the world, visiting over 38 countries, and bringing back recipes to try upon his return.

After retirement in 2018, Boris took up the piano and cheering on his Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Sabres. Boris was a life-long learner who would watch Youtube videos on any topic ranging from dog training, anthropology, and recreating Azeri recipes. He never stopped tinkering with household projects, always finding a way to avoid instructions and fix problems creatively. While he was often on the quieter side, everyone will remember his kind heart and infectious smile.

The funeral was held this Friday, October 7, 2022 at 2:00 pm in The Bender Memorial Chapel at Beth Yehurun Post Oak Cemetery, 7445 Awty School Lane, Houston, TX, United States 77055. In lieu of flowers please donate to HIAS - the refugee organization that made his American dream possible. May his memory be a blessing. To view a recording of the funeral service: <https://v.enue.streamspot.com/f8d04b5b>

Tribute Wall

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“ I am very sorry to hear passing of Boris. He was my mentor and good friend when I first started with ExxonMobil in Kazakhstan. My thoughts and prayers to his family. Turekul

Turekul Zhangabylov - November 02, 2024 at 11:20 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear about Boris' passing. I worked with Boris several different times at ExxonMobil. He was fine engineer and a beautiful person. It was always very evident that he loved his family very much. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Rod Henson

Rod Henson - October 06, 2022 at 04:10 PM

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“ Marina, I am sorry to hear about Boris. We worked together at ExxonMobil for several years. He was my rotating partner on several overseas assignments. I enjoyed working with him and listening to his stories about working on drilling rigs in the Caspian Sea in his younger days. I am sorry for your loss and will keep you and your daughters in my prayers.....Andy Galik.

Andrew P Galik - October 04, 2022 at 05:00 PM