



Nathan Waldman

January 17, 1941 - January 20, 2024

Nathan Waldman, 83, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family, on the 20th day of January, 2024 in Houston, TX. The cause of death was metastatic melanoma. Nathan was born on January 17, 1941 in Lynn, Massachusetts to the late Gertrude Imber and Samuel Waldman. Nathan graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1963 and from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1967 with a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering. He worked for many years for Dow Chemical company in Midland, MI. In Houston in 1985, he founded an oilfield services company, Data Retrieval Corporation. Over the next 30 years, his invention, the SPIDR, tested oil and gas wells in every major oil producing region in the world. After selling the company to Halliburton he retired in 2015.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Nathan was known for his intelligence, sense of humor, love of reading, and passion for world affairs. He loved the outdoors and walked 6 to 10 miles each day. Traveling was his favorite hobby; he traveled extensively through South America, Europe, Australia, Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

Nathan loved his family and is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Mary, his brother, Jordan, sons Samuel and David, daughters-in-law Caolionn and Jennifer, and his five cherished grandchildren: Isaac, Max, Vance, Josh and Nora Kate.

The family will hold a private graveside service. A separate celebration of life memorial will be held Wednesday, January 24th from 4 to 6pm. We will share good food, good wine and many memories of a very special person. Please reach out to the family for details.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210-4486 or www.mdanderson.org/gifts. Please designate gifts to Dr. Diab at the Melanoma Oncology Clinic or to any charity of your choice.