



Dr. Leonard S Berman

April 16, 2021

Dr. Leonard S. Berman of South Dartmouth, Massachusetts, passed away on Friday, April 16, 2021. He was the beloved husband of 50 years to Charlotte Berman and father to Margaret “Maggie” Berman Ewell and Abraham “Abe” Berman along with their spouses Richard Ewell and Elizabeth Berman; adored grandfather to Sarah, Natalie, Erin, and Evan; and pet father to his multi-poo Danny-Boy. He was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts to Edward and Eleanor Holenport Berman, and spent his youth in Brookline and Newton. Len and Charlotte raised their family and resided in Huntington, New York, for 34 years.

Len was a quiet, humble, and gentle soul who had a profound impact on those who knew him as well as the world at large through his many contributions to science.

He earned a Bachelor’s of the Arts degree from Cornell University and a Ph.D. in pharmacology from Yale University. His research in virology laid the foundation for many anti-viral treatments we use today. He completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Virginia before settling into a role at Pall Biomedical Corporation on Long Island. During his long tenure at Pall, he served in various roles before retiring in 2014 as their Senior Director of Scientific Affairs. An expert in blood, intravenous and anesthesia filtration, he represented the United States with the International Standards Organization (ISO) and consulted with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Through his work with Pall and their production of blood filters, use of donated blood by hospitals in the U.S. and abroad became safe from transfer of blood-borne diseases and anesthesia administration standards became safer worldwide.

Len loved spending his time with family and animals, enjoying music, playing tennis, sailing, and traveling extensively with Charlotte. Watching his children and grandchildren play sports and perform at concerts was a source of great joy for him. He also loved hosting “Camp Berman” in the summer, playing games and watching television shows to try to stay up with what the grandkids enjoyed. In recent years, he enjoyed sharing his passion for science, history, and travel with the “lights of his life” as well as supporting their interests. He was always amazed at their knowledge and talking about how smart each of the grandchildren were and what bright futures they had.

He and Charlotte traveled extensively together around the world, including trips to China,

New Zealand, Europe and South America. They also enjoyed cruising on their 36-foot Catalina sailboat Trouble No More and as members of the Masthead Cove sailing club on Long Island. In recent years, they enjoyed living aboard their 2nd boat, Endless Summer, in Punta Gorda, Florida. Len's last significant vacation was a memorable one with Charlotte, his children and their families taking a Princess cruise lines trip through the Inside Passage of Alaska during the summer of 2020.

Tennis was an important part of his life and he played in leagues in both NY and MA. He instilled a love of the game in both of his children. No matter what was going on, Len was up for grabbing his racket and running out to the court to play a couple of sets of doubles. Len served his country in the U.S. Army Reserves and had great respect for those in the military. He was also a strong peace advocate and believed that armed conflict was a last resort. He became active in politics in recent years, volunteering for Democratic Presidential and Congressional candidates as he believed in the need for sensible gun control, racial equity and justice, and a level social and economic playing field for all.

A feline lover, he had many cats, perhaps most remembered by all was Genevieve. In his 60's, he welcomed canines into the family with Phoebe and then Danny Boy winning his heart. Due to his gentle nature, animals and children were generally drawn to him. He was widely known in the family as the go-to person to get a crying baby to nap or have a shy cat jump in his lap. His patient, transparent and logical approach to listening and problem solving led to him being considered a father figure by many in his life.

In retirement he was a member of Tifereth Israel Congregation of New Bedford.

There will be a virtual Shiva on April 22, 2021 from 3 pm – 6 pm Eastern.

In lieu of flowers, please send donation to one of the following:

Southern Poverty Law Center

Science Club for Girls (Cambridge, MA)

Comments



“ Saddened to learn about Len's passing. But his true being will live on in his loved ones and all those who knew him.

David Robinson - May 06 at 06:07 AM



“ Dear Charlotte and family,
I am so saddened to hear about Len's passing. He made such an impact in my life when I was a college graduate starting my career at Pall Biomedical. Taking me under his wing was the best way to describe it when I worked in Quality Assurance. His wealth of knowledge and patience will never be forgotten. Progressive in his thinking, Len made it possible for me to continue to work at Pall remotely at home when I had my children-this is going back over 30 years ago!
I remember Len and Charlotte welcoming my husband Chuck and I into their home in Huntington, New York for dinner parties. They both were so kind, generous, and accepting. When he spoke about his children, his face would light up- he was so proud of Maggie and Abe.
My sincerest condolences to the Berman family.
Len will always have a special place in my heart.

Susan Christie

Susan Christie - May 04 at 05:34 AM



“ We are saddened to hear the news about Len. We enjoyed his company on many walks around Hidden Bay with Danny Boy. We will miss him.
-Kevin, Xiao and Oliver

kevin ryan - April 24 at 08:11 PM



“ Dear Charlotte, Maggie and Abe. The virtual shiva was wonderful. Abe, the recounting of your experiences and interactions with your dad I thought was beautifully done and evoked for me many memories of Len. Again, I was so very sorry and stunned to learn of Len’s death. We had just recently reconnected and were talking about getting together in person when things returned to “normal “. Len and I first met shortly after I had joined Pall Biomedical (in the 70s) at a place where he was presenting one of his scientific lectures. At that time the microphone was attached physically to the system with a chord. We laughed about the fact that at one point in the lecture his absentminded professor attribute was manifested by his becoming entangled in the chord. Len was such a mensch and many people are missing him. Warmly,
Howard Rosenberg

Howard Rosenberg - April 23 at 11:28 AM



“ I am so very sorry to read of the recent passing of Len, I only met him once but liked him immediately. My love and prayers are going to Charlotte and family. Lovingly,
Kathleen Murphy Chase

Kathleen Chase - April 23 at 11:00 AM



“ Rosalind Katz lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leonard S Berman



Rosalind Katz - April 22 at 10:34 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Len Berman Memorial Photo Slide Show



Maggie Ewell - April 22 at 08:43 PM



“ Dear Charlotte, I just found out about Len. I worked with Len at Pall in QARA for years.

I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He was such a wonderful man. I am forwarding this sad news to people at Pall who loved him also.

My deepest sympathy to you and your family .

Lois Ostringer, Pall Corporation, Port Washington, NY

Lois M Ostringer - May 02 at 03:39 PM



“ I am saddened by the news of Len passing. I loved his gentle and friendly way and he was acknowledged for his support in many places world wide, which he loved to visit in his times at Pall.



Wolfgang Hares - April 22 at 05:53 AM



“ Len, you will forever be my favorite boss I ever had. And second dad. And so much more to me and so many people. Your legacy will live on forever in your beautiful family and you will be missed more than you could fathom. Thank you for being so wonderful to me for literally my entire life. I am simply heartbroken to hear of your passing. Charlotte, Maggie and Abe, my heart is with you now and always.

Danielle Brennan - April 21 at 07:02 PM



“ Charlotte,
We are so sorry for your loss. Len’s accomplishments are impressive. I am grateful that we got to share zoom dinners with both of you. We will always remember the lovely time we had when we spent 2 nights at your home. We especially enjoyed conversing with some one so intelligent who shared our political views.

Pat and Bill

Patricia Fife - April 21 at 06:39 PM



“ God Bless Charlotte and family.
We always enjoyed your family and your mom and dad in Clinton.
Bush is a legend.
Our prayers to you and your family.
NATE & PRISCILLA CLARK
Clinton Ct

Nate Clark - April 21 at 01:18 PM



“ Hans Bartels lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leonard S Berman



Hans Bartels - April 21 at 12:53 PM



“ Len was a kind, gentle person. He was very patient with Brian. Brian never forgets the time Len took us for a ride in his convertible to get ice cream. Brian sat in the front with Len. I can not thank him enough for his kindness to Brian. Len will be missed. Until we meet again on the other side, much love Mary

Mary Zeiss - April 21 at 12:12 PM



“ And don't forget the unusual cars. I remember a Plymouth Barracuda and a weird Subaru long before Subaru's were popular. Len was always a great source of knowledge and good stories when I was at Pall. An all around good guy. He will be missed.

Dennis Gorlick - April 21 at 12:00 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Charlotte and family. I reconnected with Len just last year. We met during Len's tenure as the Scientist-Lecturer for Pall Biomedical when I was the distributor in Chicago and parts of the Midwest. We reminisced about the time we left South Bend after Len gave a seminar and headed back to Chicago for another round of blood filtration lectures. We had not counted on the good old-fashioned midwestern blizzard interrupting our plans. The snow was blowing sideways on the Indiana Tollway and the area accumulated over two feet of snow. We pulled into a hotel in Merrillville, Indiana and were able to get two of the last rooms. During the entire experience Len was imperturbable and entertained the other travelers hunkered down in the hotel including two college basketball teams on their way to "away games" whom had to sleep on the floor of the ballroom with extra blankets from the hotel.

Bill Huck - April 21 at 05:21 PM



“ SO sorry to hear of your loss. With deepest sympathy to you and your family Carolyn Zompa 4/25

CarolynZompa - April 25 at 09:34 AM