GREENSPAN, MICHEAL

Michael David Greenspan, 80

NEW YORK – Michael Greenspan, a retired biochemist, died June 25.

He worked at Merck where he was on the team that eventually produced the first of the most successful cholesterol-lowering drugs, the statins, until his retirement in 1994.

He approached all of his great passions of music, history, literature and arts with his curious, scientific mind.

A skier, hiker and biker who loved fly-fishing, he played ice hockey throughout his adult life. Almost 40 years ago, he founded the Warinanco Over the Hill Ice Hockey Club in Union County, N.J., which is still active.

The son of the late Nan and Harry Greenspan, he is survived by his wife Sally, his daughter Elizabeth, his son Richard, his daughter-in-law Rachel Ratner, his grandchildren Avra and Dahlia and his sister Paula Rubien of Rhode Island.

A donation to a charity of one's choice is appreciated.