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Sanford Reich

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Sanford Reich, age 81, passed away Friday, July 26, 2024 at Steere House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Providence. He was the husband of Linda (Rosenberg) Reich, with whom he shared fifty seven years of marriage.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he was the son of the late Nathan and Freida (Gordon) Reich.

Sanford earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Biomedical Engineering from Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, before earning his PhD from The Ohio State University. Sanford was a biomedical engineer for many years beginning his career at Medtronic in Minnesota, where he worked on the development of an implantable heart assist device. He then went to Arco Medical Products in Pennsylvania, followed by Intermedics in Texas. The last twenty years of his career were spent at Pfizer in the Biomedical Department where he helped develop the left ventricular heart assist pump and an implantable insulin pump. Throughout his career Sanford developed patents for eleven biomedical devices. An avid reader, he enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles, woodworking, going to the theater, swimming, cycling, fishing and he especially enjoyed traveling.

In addition to his wife Linda, he is survived by: three children, Naomi Reich and her partner Mihaly Imre of Medford, MA, Alisa Reich and her husband, Ryan Huckeby of Missoula, MT and Daniel Reich and his wife Ayako of Sudbury, MA; four grandchildren, Eli, Cecelia, Amelie and Serafina and several nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to his funeral service on Monday, July 29, 2024 at 2:00 PM in the Samuel Priest Chapel at Lincoln Park Cemetery 1469 Post Road., Warwick. Burial will follow.

Shiva will be observed at the Reich residence on Monday, 7:00 to 9:00 PM and Tuesday and Wednesday, 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM, with Minyan each evening at 7:30 PM.

Memorial contributions in his honor may be made to Temple Emanu-El, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, 99 Taft Avenue, Providence, RI 02906 or the Kosher Food Pantry, 1165 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02904.

Arrangements are in the care of Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, Providence. For condolences, www.sugarmansinai.com

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