DIAMOND - A. Leonard

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of A. Leonard Diamond peacefully in the early hours at Hollyburn House, West Vancouver, B.C. 'Len', as he was known to one and all, leaves behind his two beloved sons, Peter, (Los Angeles, Ca.), and Tom, wife Valerie, son Josh (Courtenay, B.C.) and many great friends and relatives, including brothers David (deceased) and Arthur. Len was predeceased by his wife Patricia Jean Simpson. Len was born in New York City's the Bronx to a loving family and grew up in Queens, N.Y. Len lost his mother at 13 and was reared by his very caring businessman father. Len attended Woodmere School, Long Island and had started college at M.I.T. when World War II broke out. He enlisted and was trained in the relatively new 'radar' and it's uses at Fort Erie which he then taught to the U.S. Air forces till wars end. He went on to attend Columbia University where he attained a PhD in experimental psychology. Later on while teaching at Northwestern University, Len met Patricia Jean Simpson and soon they were married. After an enchanted honeymoon in Hawaii, they decided to move there and start a family where both their sons were born. Len taught at the University of Hawaii and was the department head and Chairman of the Psychology Department. He was very instrumental in bringing the very noted Nobel Prize winning biophysicist Georg Von Bekesy to the university and the building of a new research wing which was quite a coup for the relatively small and far away university. Len's long academic career took him to Harvard for a two-year sabbatical and subsequently a move to Vancouver and a long tenure at Simon Fraser University until his retirement. Len loved to laugh and always relished a good joke. He was a gentle man who liked good memories but above all, he loved his family. He will be greatly missed. We would like to thank his wonderful friends, including Joyce Hill and her family, and the staff at Hollyburn, including Peter, Mavis, Martha and others, for their great care and comfort of Len till the end. If you wish, a donation can be made to the charity of your choice in Len's name.

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