

Philip Duval Berlin

Passed away on January 14, 2022 at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, MD. Phil is survived by his long-time companion, Olivia Adler of Washington, DC, Thomas Ganiatsos, of Geneva, Switzerland (his closest friend for over 70 years), and two adored Siamese cats (Oscar and Wendy). Phil was born in Chicago, Illinois, but after short periods in New York and Arizona, spent most of his early years in California. He graduated from University of California, Berkeley with a Bachelor's Degree in economics with High Honors, having also spent one year of independent study in Heidelberg, Germany. Following a year in Berlin under a Fulbright Fellowship, he entered Harvard University as a Woodrow Wilson scholar, finishing with a PhD in economics and also serving as a Resident Tutor and Assistant Professor.



In his professional life, he was an adviser to Commissioner Mary Gardner Jones at the Federal Trade Commission, and an international economist for the Office of Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, the Office of Foreign Direct Investments, US Agency for International Development and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (spending four years in Paris). He then worked for many years with the World Bank in French West Africa, followed by international consultancies in Czechoslovakia, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Vietnam. He was fluent in German and French, with a working knowledge of Dutch, Italian and Russian.

Although not an avid sportsman, Phil was a state champion swimmer in high school and a skilled skier. Travel was his special love and there are few places in the world that he did not visit. Only a trip on the Trans-Siberian Railway and a visit to Irkutsk remained on his "bucket list." Phil was a broad and constant reader and an early adopter of Kindle. Never afraid of new things, he bought a Tesla at age 82, driving it home from the dealership in a blinding rainstorm on the Beltway, cheered on by a brave friend riding as passenger. An enthusiastic member of the Cosmos Club, Phil was always good, stimulating company who could always be counted on to have an original thought. He will be sorely missed by those he left behind. A memorial service is contemplated at the Cosmos Club on a date to be announced. Oysters will certainly be served.