

Alan Sokolski Obituary

Alan Sokolski of Silver Spring, Maryland, passed away on March 3, 2026, at age 93. He was predeceased by his wife of nearly 60 years, Carol Stitt Sokolski (2016), and their younger daughter, Lauren Sokolski (2020). He is survived by his elder daughter, Lynn Sokolski; her spouse, Bentley R. Noland; and his granddaughter, Samantha Noland.

A graduate of Cornell University's School of Mechanical Engineering ('52; BME '53), he earned an MBA and PhD in economics from Columbia University ('59; '62). He served as an Air Force officer, retiring from the Reserve in 1983 as a colonel, and completed military studies at the National War College.

Dr. Sokolski spent many years in federal service, including roles with the Federal Reserve, the Agency of International Development in Lagos, Nigeria, the State Department, CIA, and National Reconnaissance Office. At the CIA, he rose to senior leadership and chaired the Intelligence Community's Foreign Denial and Deception Analysis Committee. He received numerous honors, including the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal.

Burial will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Doctors Without Borders, the Natural Resources Defense Council, or the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Services entrusted to Sagel Bloomfield Danzansky Goldberg Funeral Care.



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