



Wojciech M. Przewdziecki (1929 - 2017)

Katy, TX - Wojciech M. Przewdziecki, 88, Katy, Texas, formerly of Pittsford, NY, passed away peacefully Saturday, December 30, 2017.

Wojciech was born March 25, 1929, in Malomierzyce, Poland to the late Janusz and Jadwiga (Kuczkowska) Przewdziecki. He was predeceased by his brothers Zbigniew and Wiesek; sister Lucja; and his beloved granddaughter, Emily.

Wojciech is survived by his wife Maria; four children: Janek (Janice) Przewdziecki, Marek (Vivian) Przewdziecki, Joanna (Wayne) Thompson, and Katie (Garrett) Dolan; and his beloved grandchildren: Kaitlin, Meghan, Justin, Christian, Sam, Ned, Connor, Hunter, Taylor, and Lexie; his sister, Teresa; and relatives throughout the world. He

was very fond of his cocker spaniel, Reilly.

Surviving World War II and its aftermath formed a significant part of his early life. His family was forcibly relocated to Siberia in 1940, where they suffered great hardship including the death of his father. After nearly 3 years, they were allowed to leave. They spent four years as refugees in Iran and Lebanon. In 1948, they arrived in London, England where they would settle.

Wojciech attended University College, Cork, Ireland, where he obtained a B.S. in chemistry. His career as a research chemist spanned more than 30 years, primarily with Eastman Kodak in London and Rochester, where he obtained numerous patents in the field of imaging chemistry.

After a whirlwind romance, he married Maria Guminska in London in 1959, the start of a lifelong partnership. Together they raised four children, starting in England, and continuing in Rochester, New York when the family relocated in 1967. They maintained a family home in Pittsford, New York for 40 years until moving in 2007 to Katy, Texas.

Over the years, Wojciech enjoyed travel, fishing, camping, woodworking, Polish history, genealogy, and spending time with family. He and Maria were active participants in the Rochester Polish community including St. Stanislaus Church. They were leaders for many years of the Rochester/Krakow Sister Cities program, traveling often with delegations in an official capacity to Krakow. They were heavily involved in supporting a children's hospital in Krakow, both by raising donations and hosting exchange programs of medical personnel.

A Celebration of Life for family and friends will be held in Rochester, New York during the summer of 2018. The family requests memorial donations be made in his name to St Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Dolf Bass writes "He worked 10 years at Kodak Ltd. Research in England before starting in 1967 in KRL's Graphic Printing Processes Lab of the Photographic Research Division in B59, then in B82A Black & White Photography, and finally in Business Imaging Systems. He had been born in Poland and his family survived as refugees in Siberia, Iran, and Lebanon during WWII, before settling in England. In 1953 he earned a BS in Chemistry at University College in Cork, Ireland."