



George Lust

January 20, 1938 – March 23, 2023

Dr. George Lust, 85, passed away on March 23, 2023, in the loving care of his family in Buffalo, New York.

Born in Dessau Germany in 1938, George and his family emigrated to the United States after World War II to build a better life. The family lived in Holyoke Massachusetts where George met Constance (Connie) Wagner. In 1960 George and Connie got married and would remain together for 62 years. Together they had four children, 11 grandchildren and traveled extensively. George attended the University of Massachusetts Amherst on an athletic and academic scholarship where he was captain of the varsity soccer team and played tuba in the band. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in chemistry George attended Cornell University in Ithaca, New York where he received his Ph.D. in biochemistry.

After completing his postdoctoral research at the Max Planck Institute in Munich Germany, George went to work for the U.S. Army in Fort Detrick Maryland where he would work for one year before being hired as an assistant professor at the Cornell University School of Veterinary Medicine Baker Institute for Animal Health. Over the next 42 years he would become a tenured full professor whose work in canine hip dysplasia, along with the work of his peers, would form the basis for much of what is known about this disease today. Other than his family, working at Cornell was what George was most proud of in his life.

George was a voracious reader, an avid hiker and enjoyed watching the New York Yankees on TV. In addition, George loved to travel. His favorite places to visit were Wrangell Alaska, Tucson Arizona and Avalon New Jersey.

George is predeceased by his parents Friedel Suessmilch & George (Fritz) Lust and siblings

Hannelore, Annette & Dirk. He is survived by his wife Constance; his children Evelyn (John), Richard (Hillary), Constance Jr (John) & Elizabeth (David); 11 grandchildren whom he loved dearly; and sister Angelika.

George was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease which he contracted at the age of 27 while working in the Army. For 58 years he lived with this disease shielding his friends and family from its onslaught. He never gave in to the disease nor let it get the best of him. Through all his struggles with Parkinson's he had a very successful career and a created strong, loving family. We all should be so strong.

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