

Philip Jerome McDonnell

March 4, 1949 – September 14, 2017

Philip J. McDonnell passed away unexpectedly on September 14 in Menlo Park, where he resided with his wife of 35 years, Patricia (Whelan) McDonnell.

He was born in Newark, NJ in 1949 to Philip Adrian and Catherine Theresa McDonnell. Philip Jerome was the eldest of eight children, raised on both the east and west coast. Along with his parents and seven siblings, he moved to Atherton in 1966. Philip graduated from Bellarmine



College Preparatory as a National Merit Scholar. Then in 1971, he graduated with honors from UC Berkeley, completing majors in both Mathematics and Computer Science. That year saw the University's first graduating class in Computer Science.

Philip's passion for technology drove him to found new companies, including Spectrum Computing in 1974 and Advanced Information Design in 1980. As a stock trading veteran for over thirty years, he was very involved in his trading group, the Spec-List, out of New York. Philip also had a strong passion for programming and statistics. He applied this as the author of the published book, *Optimal Portfolio Modeling*. For many years, he also wrote a daily article on options trading as a contributor to TheStreet.com.

In 1982, Philip married his wife, Patricia, of Menlo Park. They raised two children in Sammamish, WA, where they resided for 25 years. Philip had a strong love for his family. He devoted years to coaching his children's baseball and soccer teams, and was instrumental in the early development of Soaring Eagle Park in Sammamish. He also contributed countless hours to Lake Washington Soccer Association and Eastlake Little League.

Philip will be remembered for his gentle good-nature, immense patience, kindness, and willingness to enrich those around him with a wealth of knowledge. He will be missed dearly.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; his two children, Philip A. McDonnell Jr. (Katherine) of Belmont; Erin Foxcurran (James) of San Mateo; and his four beautiful grandchildren, Fiona and Philip A. McDonnell III; Elizabeth and Audrey Foxcurran. Additional surviving relatives include 6 siblings, Dennis McDonnell (Celeste) of Atherton; Adrienne McDonnell (Barry); Corinne Chavez of Danville; Kevin McDonnell of Pleasanton; David McDonnell (Ardis) of San Ramon; and Carolyn Beckwith (David) of Menlo Park; and 22 nieces and nephews. His brother, Douglas McDonnell, preceded his death in 2015.

A Memorial Celebration will be held Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 3:00pm at the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton, CA. To R.S.V.P. and get further details, friends should go to www.philmemorial.com with inquiries. A private family interment is also planned at Holy Cross in Menlo Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Philip J. McDonnell's name to the Tess Research Foundation (www.tessfoundation.org – P.O. Box 53, Menlo Park, CA 94026).