



Samuel Abram Wax June 5, 1940 – March 15, 2022

Sam Wax, 81, of Alexandria, VA, passed away on March 15. Sam was born in St. Louis, MO to Jacob and Leah Wax, Jewish immigrants from what from what are now Ukraine and Belarus. He graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a degree in Engineering Physics. Sam moved to the Washington, DC area in 1961, taking a job at NASA in 1964. It was there that he met his wife, Barbara Reich. Sam and Barbara married in 1968.

Sam was fascinated by computers his whole life and remained in the information technology field over a career that spanned more than forty years. He joined NASA to work on a team that installed the first mainframe computer at Goddard Space Flight Center. After 5 years at NASA, Sam joined Communications Satellite Corporation (COMSAT), where he spent 22 years and managed the transition from mainframe computers to local area networks. In 1990, Sam went to work for Information Management Consultants, entering the world of workflow management and rising to vice president. In 2000, he moved to Grant Thornton as a consultant in the area of computer security, becoming one of the first Certified Information Systems auditors. He retired in 2007.

Sam enjoyed travel, photography, gardening and was an expert at household repairs. He was also masterful with playdough, spending hours playing with his granddaughter when she was young.

Sam was predeceased by his parents and brother Martin. He leaves behind his wife of 53 years Barbara, daughter Lisa, son in law Erich RussekRobbins, and granddaughter Terra RussekRobbins.

The family will receive visitors on April 12, 2022, from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn Alexandria Old Town, 1620 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.