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Richard L. Sylvan



SYLVAN, MD, Richard L. Richard L. Sylvan, M.D., 64, formerly of Simsbury, died of cardiac arrest on April 6, 2008 in his home in Dacula, GA. Born on August 8, 1943 in Brooklyn, NY to Maxine and Harold Sylvan, he received his B.S. in Theoretical Math from MIT and his M.S. in Microbiology and Virology from New York Medical College. He studied Medicine at the University of Louvain in Belgium and completed his M.D. at SUNY Buffalo. He did his residency in Internal Medicine at John Hopkins University Service at Baltimore City Hospital and his fellowship in

Hematology and Oncology at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, NY. Anyone who knew Richard knew he was uniquely gifted: brilliant, full of humor and delight, and with insatiable curiosity. Dr. Sylvan was a truly great medical oncologist who tended to his patients with an unusual grace and energy. In his retirement and despite his failing health, he pursued his lifelong passion for space exploration by doing research with the Mars Society. Richard was adored and admired by many. He will be terribly missed by his family and friends who love him dearly. He is survived by his two children, Elisabeth Sylvan and her husband Mikhail Rutman, Jeremy Sylvan, grand-daughter, Natalia Sylvan Rootman, his sister, Leslie Sylvan, his nephew, Jeffrey Sylvan and his niece, Jessica Sylvan. Richard was buried on April 9 at Eternal Light Memorial Gardens in Boyton Beach, FL, next to his parents. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Lung Association.

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Joseph Palaia (Holiday, FL)

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