

Marvin London, 71

PORTLAND -- Marvin London died unexpectedly on Nov. 30, 2011, at the Cardiac ICU of Maine Medical Center. He was supported by loving family and friends.

He was born on Oct. 3, 1939, the younger son of Barney and Alte Beit London in Norwich, Conn. He attended school in New London. In 1961, he graduated from Dartmouth College summa cum laude. He was a member of Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. Later, he received a Ph.D. in industrial psychology from Johns Hopkins University.

After employment at the CIA and Citibank, after living in Washington, D.C., and New York City, he made the decision to move to Portland; he embraced an independent and creative life. It was a choice he never regretted. He designed beautiful and intricate stained glass pieces at London Stained Glass. He became an avid participant in Portland's cultural life, and he made many good friends.

Marvin served as a docent at the Portland Art Museum, welcomed visitors to his studio on First Fridays, and attended concerts and museum and gallery openings regularly. He participated in the Documenting Maine Jewry project and enjoyed classes at OLLI/USM.

He worked as an artist for over 25 years and then retired still sustained by the city's art, music and theatre. His intellect and enthusiasm for the arts will be missed by those who enjoyed his spirited personality and quirky sense of humor. His favorite author was Saul Bellow and his favorite music was classical string music especially the cello. He loved his Maine coon cat, Cello.

Marvin is survived by his brother, Sheldon London and his wife Margery of Bethesda, Md.; also by his nephews, Matthew and Eric London, their wives, Joanne and Holly, and his grandnephew and grandnieces, all of Maryland; and by his dear friend, Nancy Bills of South Portland.

The family wishes to thank the staff of the ER and the CICU at MMC for the attentive care and kindness Marvin received. Special thanks to Dr. Kate Cavanaugh. Many thanks to the Rev. Christina Sillari and to Marvin's many friends.

Marvin was a active member of First Parish Church, Unitarian Universalist. A memorial service will be held on Monday, Dec. 19, at 11 a.m. Burial will be private.

Those wishing to make donations may give to the Rev. Sillari's Ministerial Discretionary Fund to be used for people in need. Please make checks payable to 'The Trustees of First Parish' and address to:

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