



Howard Gilbert Lasser

November 24, 1926 - June 3, 2025

Howard Lasser, 98, died peacefully in his home in Fairfax, Virginia surrounded by his daughter, Cathy, his son, Alan and wife, Lori. Alan had been caring for him in his home for the past 10 months.

Howard was predeceased by his parents, Milton Lasser and Tessie Rosenthal Lasser; his beloved wife, Barbara Katz Lasser and his cherished daughter Ellen LeVee, PhD; his siblings, Arnold Lasser (Ruthie), Joseph Lasser (Ruth), and Judith Lasser Litt (Mark). He is survived by his loving children; Alan Lasser (Lori) and Catherine Lasser PhD; son-in-law Eugene LeVee and daughter-in-law Lori Lasser; his grandchildren, Eli Lasser (Christine) and Seth Lasser (Paula), Rabbi Matthew LeVee (Sheli), Amy LeVee Williams PhD (Matthew PhD), and Sarah Safyan (Michael); his great grandchildren Graham Lasser, Reid Lasser, and Natalie Lasser, Jochanan LeVee, Devorah LeVee, Eliezer LeVee, Meir LeVee, Hadassah LeVee (another on the way), Emmett Williams, Itamar "Ty" Williams, Nora Safyan and Caleb Safyan.

Howard was born in New York City, grew up in New Rochelle, New York with his three siblings, his parents and his maternal grandparents.

Howard received a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Lehigh University in 1950, a postgraduate degree from Columbia University in 1951, and a Doctor of Engineering degree from Darmstadt Technology Institute, Germany in 1956.

He met his wife Barbara at a wedding, fell in love and married her on August 24, 1950. They moved to Alexandria, Virginia shortly after they were married. Here he worked as a chemical engineer for the government for 30 years from 1951-1982. During that time, he earned six patents that were used in industry and medicine. Over the course of his career he published over 500 articles. He then worked as a government contractor for 10+ years at Benmol Corporation, Alexandria, Virginia. They had twin daughters in 1952 and a son in 1956. They travelled and camped as a family until their children began their own careers. They continued to travel as a couple in the states and abroad, camping and going to elderhostels.

Howard was an avid photographer and had a passion for collecting and repairing pocket watches, particularly Hamilton and Waltham brands. He was a member of the National Association of Watches and Clocks Collectors and wrote five bulletin articles and in the 1990's he published a small booklet with all the Hamilton serial numbers and grades in it that was the forerunner to Lasser's List Book.

Howard and Barbara were lifetime learners. They moved to the Woodlands Retirement Community in Fairfax, Virginia in 2005 as the group of founding members. While both Howard and Barbara participated in historic outings, Howard was also a member of the book club, a founding member of the ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Club, and provided movies with summaries for Wednesday Movie Nights.

Howard and Barbara were married for close to 72 years when she died of a sudden illness in 2022. He missed her exceedingly until the day he died.

In lieu of flowers please consider donations in memory of my father, Howard Gilbert Lasser's name to Beth El Hebrew Congregation 3830 Seminary Road,

Alexandria, VA 22304.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our sincere condolences go out to Howard’s family and loved ones. I knew Howard through our mutual passion for watches and was fortunate enough to collaborate with him on a number of projects and articles. Howard was always a joy to work with and his only motive was always to advance the collective knowledge on the history and development of these little mechanical marvels.

In our many discussions over the years, it was clear that Howard’s first love however, was his family. His wife Barbara, children and grandchildren, who he was so proud of. Howard dearly missed Barbera and I know was looking forward to being with her again. Godspeed my Friend!

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“ Working with him on his taxes was a pleasure. He was smart, helpful and kind. I will miss our brief annual calls. All the best to his family. Kathy Bovello

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