October 1, 1944 - October 15, 2015 Joel Goldberg was loved and respected and will be greatly missed. He died on October 15th very unexpectedly, from complications resulting in a treatment of a rare form of leukemia. A native Angeleno, Joel attended Fairfax High, graduating with exceptional honors. After completing his studies at California Institute of Technology, he went on to the University of Wisconsin where he received a Masters in computer sciences. Weizmann Institute of Israel then invited Joel to help develop their Golem computer program which he did for three years. Since that time, up until two years ago, Joel was a computer engineer with Information Sciences Institute of the University of Southern California. Throughout all these years, it has been his manner of connecting with others for which he will be especially remembered. “Such a mensch, a dry sense of humor with a quick pun, overall he was a quiet man with a huge brain and a bigger heart, full of advice and rarely wrong” - some words written upon hearing of his death that echo many peoples’ thoughts of Joel. Three organizations were particularly important to Joel. Habonim Dror, a Jewish Socialist-Zionist youth movement was a central vehicle for his Jewish and Zionist identity. He went to Camp Gilboa for many years both as a camper and staff member. From 1962-1963 he was at Habonim workshop in Gesher Haziv, Israel. His friendships continued throughout his life. A second meaningful relationship was with the Sierra Club. A lifelong member, Joel, since the late 1980’s, was very active in the Wilderness Adventures section. He served as chairman, treasurer for over 20 years and trip leader. He was invaluable as chief historian of the section. Thirdly, for 40 years Joel worked for USC’s Information Sciences Institute, in the division, MOSIS. From the earliest years of the internet until recent times, Joel has contributed to the development of IC innovations. He was that rare person who understood both integrated circuits and software design. He designed and populated the technology database which is at the heart of the MOSIS operations. Joel is survived by his wife, Sally Cassidy, his two daughters, Michelle Goldberg and Ann Goldberg, and his sister, Miriam Goldberg. His ashes will be scattered at Yosemite National Park sometime in the spring. Donations may be made in Joel’s honor to: Habonim Dror Camp Gilboa, 8339 West 3rd St., Los Angeles 90048. There will be no memorial service as is his wish.

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