



Ned Paul Anderson

August 31, 1944 - December 3, 2025

Ned Paul Anderson, 81, of Southborough, Massachusetts, passed away on December 3, 2025 in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is survived by his wife Maja (nee Elmér), son David, and daughter Katherine Jones (Brian), as well as beloved grandsons Benjamin, Tyler, and William. He was preceded in death by parents Paul and Caroline Anderson and brother Herbert Anderson.

Ned was raised in Euclid, Ohio and then attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He earned his PhD at KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden. He taught at Kent State University for several years before settling in Southborough, where he lived for over 40 years. He had a fulfilling career at Digital Equipment Corporation (later Compaq and Hewlett-Packard), and worked there until he retired. He enjoyed astronomy, chess, music, and spending time outdoors.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the National Audubon Society or Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) in his honor.

Tribute Wall

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“Ned was my best friend from 9th grade on in Euclid, Ohio. He built his own telescope and taught me to do the same for my 9th grade science project. We were in all the same Advanced Placement classes, played on the tennis team, and formed a chess team which was good enough to twice win our Greater Cleveland league over the wealthier suburbs of Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights. We used to go downtown to the Cleveland chess center on Friday nights and for weekend tournaments. Ned's foreign language was German, and, after hearing the strong chess players at the center scornfully refer to weak players as "breads" (i.e., you could play them for money), one of Ned's favorite humorous terms became "Brot", German for bread. When Ned went to MIT and I went to Harvard we were only a short bus ride on Massachusetts Ave apart, but we were in 2 different worlds. Alas, I only tried to locate him and get in touch again about 6 months ago. I wanted to talk astronomy and see what he was up to. R.I.P., friend. David Gulbenkian dgulbenkian@gmail.com

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