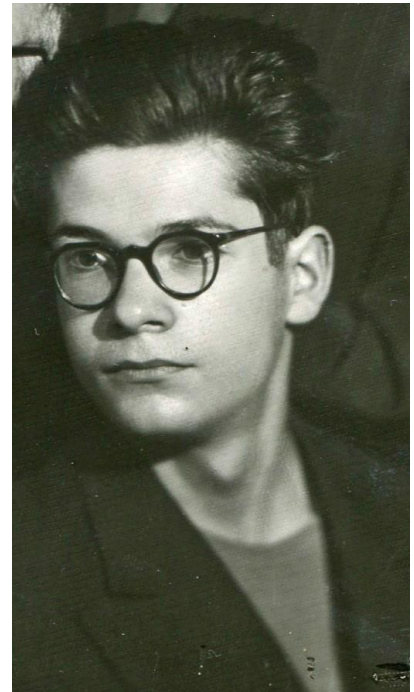


Vlady Rozenbaum



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Silver Spring, Maryland November 8, 2015



Vlady was born in Pinsk, Soviet Union in 1940 and after the Nazi Germany attack in 1941 he was evacuated to the East of the country. In 1946, after the war, his parents moved with him to Poland and established a residence in Warsaw. He studied English and Linguistics at the Warsaw University and later worked as editor of technical translations from Polish into English for the U.S. Department of Commerce. In 1964 Vlady married Rita, a physicist, and in 1969 they came as political refugees to the U.S.

Their American journey took them first to Rego Park, Queens, in the New York City, Blacksburg and Charlottesville in Virginia, Kokomo and Cicero in Indiana and, finally, Silver Spring in Maryland. Vlady pursued graduate studies in history and political science, ending up with a Masters Degree and then a Ph.D. in History. After teaching college in Virginia and Indiana for a number of years he joined the federal civil service. He has held a variety of positions, among others a Soviet/East European geographer for the Defense Department; regional expert for the U.S. Board of Geographic Names; foreign languages instructor and intelligence analyst. In 2000 he retired on disability due to very severe Cardiac Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). Although his COPD condition was diagnosed around 1980, he struggled with pulmonary medical issues since childhood.

While only 12 years old he was diagnosed with bronchiectasis and underwent a lobectomy on his right lung in 1952. All that has prompted him to get involved in patient support and advocacy activities and soon after his retirement Vlady established an online group, COPD-ALERT and became active in lobbying the US Congress for passing the law to force foreign airline carriers to allow COPD sufferers to bring their own oxygen equipment on board of any plane flying over the US territory. He has also attended many conferences, symposia, and workshops and spoke at the FDA hearings and on the Capitol Hill.

For many years Vlady has been involved in research on Russian and East European history with a number of publications to his credit. He was also on the board of directors of an international genealogical organization and of the Computer Center, Health and Communications Committees in his retirement community.

Vlady had affected lives of countless peoples during his eventful 75 years on this Earth and we are all better for it. May his memory be cherished forever!!!