

Immo Erich Scheffler

Born near Dresden, Germany, on December 17, 1940, Immo died in Victoria, British Columbia, on February 20, 2023. Immo's father died on the battlefield in the Crimea in 1942; his mother brought him and his brother from East Germany to Ulm in West Germany in 1954 and subsequently to Winnipeg, Canada in 1957.

Immo finished high school at Daniel McIntyre in Winnipeg and obtained his B.Sc. (honors) and M.Sc. degrees from the University of Manitoba. After completing his Ph.D. at Stanford University in 1968 in physical biochemistry, he did post-doctoral work at Harvard Medical School, Boston and L'Institut Pasteur, Paris. He joined the Department of Biology at the University of California San Diego in 1971.

Immo was a dedicated and passionate teacher who cared deeply about his students, receiving numerous teaching awards at UC San Diego. He served on the editorial boards of several biochemistry journals. In recognition of his research accomplishments, he was selected in 1984 for the Alexander von Humboldt Award for Senior U.S. Scientists. In 2008, he was elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. A highlight of his career was the publication of the authoritative book, "Mitochondria" (Wiley, 1999, 2007 2 nd ed.). He retired as Professor Emeritus in 2010, however he continued teaching until 2014, mentoring students until even more recently.

Family near and far, friendships old and new, travel, hiking, gardening, photography, music, art, food and wine were all important to Immo. He read avidly and took great interest in current affairs and politics around the world. In his retirement, Immo expressed his love and concern for the natural environment and sought to contribute to his southern California community by serving on the Board of the San

Dieguito River Valley Conservancy. He especially loved Hawaii Island where his son and family make their home.

In 2021 Immo and his wife Diana relocated to Canada, the country that had welcomed their families when both were teenagers, and of which they were both fond. The move brought them closer to family and the city of Victoria fulfilled their desire for an urban life on a human scale.

Preceded in death by his brother Eike, Immo is sadly missed by Diana, their son Timothy, daughter-in-law Pamela, and grandsons, Kalani and Kekai. There will be no service. Donations in Immo's honor may be made to the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, <https://sdrvc.org/> or the David Suzuki Foundation, <https://davidsuzuki.org/>

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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