



## Linton Mark Traub

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On Monday, October 19, 2020, Linton Traub, adored husband of Jill and treasured father of Simone, passed away at the age of 58.

Linton was born in London on February 6, 1962, but grew up and was educated in Johannesburg, South Africa, making life-long school friends. He met the love of his life at the University of the Witwatersrand and they were married in 1986, before moving to the Weizmann Institute in Israel for graduate studies. After further training at Washington University in St. Louis, a bold chapter in their lives began with the birth of Simone in 1997 and a move of his laboratory to Pittsburgh in 2000. Through his struggle with myeloma, he stayed on the faculty at the University, publishing papers, getting grants, and could often be seen doing experiments at the bench.

Despite his often-fearsome gruff outward demeanor he was committed to a better, fairer society for all. He was keen to help students prepare themselves for a challenging career. Linton was a quiet, private person with a sharp sense of humor, strong principles and high standards of excellence for those under his guidance. From his undergraduate days, through his tenure as a Professor in the Department of Cell Biology at the University of Pittsburgh, he was always captivated by the wonders of biology. He took what he did seriously, and strived to provide, in his own way, a meaningful representation of the

remarkable world around him, be it in research or in creative pursuits like hand built ceramics. He was most happy when spending time with his family, either at home or together at live concerts, comedy or art shows. He and his brother Darren also shared a mutual enthusiasm for vintage cars, and together they loved watching the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, attending car shows, or racing sporty cars (sometimes on public roads!)

Linton was preceded in death by his sister Michelle Tania Traub. He is survived by his adored wife of 34 years, Jill Emily (Rodel) Traub; his cherished daughter, Simone Alexandra Traub; brother Darren Ashley Traub; mother-in-law Valerie Rodel; sisters-in-law Lisa Marni Traub and Louise Muriel Rodel; niece and nephew Megan and Daniel; feline companion Eartha "Slab" Traub, as well as many cousins and friends.

Funeral will be at the Penn Forest Natural Burial Park on October 22 at 12:20 p.m. Attendance will be limited due to Covid 19.

Please, no flowers.

Professional Services trusted to D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY LTD., Lawrenceville.

# Cemetery Details

## **Penn Forest Natural Burial Park**

121 Colorado Street  
Verona, PA 15147

# Previous Events

## **Funeral**

OCT **22**. 12:20 PM.

Penn Forest Natural Burial Park

# Tribute Wall



“ *Linton Mark Traub*

January 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM



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**Alexander Ungewickell** - October 24, 2020 at 04:33 PM



*I am so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories from spending time with him in the lab at Wash U and at my parents house during our time in Saint Louis. Linton's warmth, genuine interest in people, amazing intellect, and sense of humor will be greatly missed.*

**Alexander Ungewickell** - October 24, 2020 at 04:44 PM



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**Earl Portnoy** - October 23, 2020 at 05:10 AM



*Fond and wonderful memories of a kind and gentle guy, a real mensch. Fellow art student with a great appreciation for family and friends and a fantastic sense of humour. Will be greatly missed by everyone that he knew. R.I.P,  
Earl Portnoy*

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**Earl Portnoy** - October 23, 2020 at 05:10 AM

OH

*SO SORRY to hear about Linton's death. I knew him through Jill with whom I shared a bench at the Weizmann Institute, some 30 years ago. We were good friends and kept in touch even after their move to the US. I wish we could have met more often.*

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**Orna Halevy** - October 23, 2020 at 09:14 AM

ME

“ *You have our deepest sympathy. We are so sorry for your loss.*

*-Megan and Mike*

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**Megan** - October 22, 2020 at 09:04 AM

CS

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of Linton. I was blessed to have met him at the library through Jill and Simone. I have enclosed a photograph from a library event.*

*Love,  
Caralee*



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**Caralee Sommerer** - October 21, 2020 at 04:01 PM

AK

*Lovely photo taken at the old meeting room at the East Liberty Branch Library. A favorite hang out of the Traubs!*

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**Amy Korman** - October 21, 2020 at 04:20 PM

BD

*I consider it a privilege and an honor to have known you for so many years and to have actually published papers with you. You are a truly fine scientist, in my opinion, and I'll always cherish the times we shared in St Louis talking about science. Rest in peace, my friend, but rest assured, your legacy lives on.*

*Balraj Doray  
St. Louis, MO*

*"Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen."*

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**Balraj Doray** - October 22, 2020 at 10:28 PM

JS

*Our sympathy is with you at this time of loss.  
Joyce and Jim Solheim (friends from the apartment building in St. Louis)*

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**Joyce Solheim** - October 25, 2020 at 12:40 AM

JT

*Linton was my PhD adviser at the University of Pittsburgh. I'm eternally grateful for the time he invested in my training, the opportunities he afforded me, the deep insight into the mechanics of science he provided, his intellectual musings and most importantly his friendship. Linton had an insatiable curiosity not just about his research but the world around him. I will greatly miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with Jill, Simone and his family.*

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**Jake Thieman** - October 26, 2020 at 04:39 PM

MM

*I am so saddened to hear about your loss. Linton was a great colleague - thoughtful, insightful, and rigorous - but also a gentle and genuine guy whom I always enjoyed chatting with at scientific meetings. I and his other colleagues throughout the world will miss him. Our deepest sympathies to his family. Mickey Marks, colleague at Univ. of Pennsylvania.*

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**Michael Marks** - October 30, 2020 at 02:30 PM

DO

*Four years later and I still miss you BIG MAN  
Rest in Peace*

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**David Owen** - October 23, 2024 at 12:28 PM