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**RONALD SEGAL**

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RONALD, 74, CEO of Spectrum Systems, Inc., passed away on Monday, February 11, 2013, at his home in Oakton, Virginia. Born in Philadelphia in 1938, he graduated from Central High School (Class of 206, 1956). He held a BS in Engineering Science from the Pennsylvania State University, an MS in Systems Engineering and Operations Research from the University of Pennsylvania, and had completed all course requirements for a PhD in Systems Engineering and Operations Research at the University of Pennsylvania.

Ron founded Spectrum Systems Inc. in 1986, served as its President and, most recently, was CEO. He had over 35 years experience with federal government contracting, having served small and large businesses, education, and the non-profit sector. His roles ranged from Engineer to Program Manager to CEO. He was active in the Coalition for Government Procurement, the Information Technology Association of America (ITAA) and in the Small and Emerging Contractors Advisory Forum (SECAF); and served on GSA's Information Technology Industry Government Council (ITIGC). Under his leadership Spectrum received the Coalition for Government Procurement's Most Innovative Small Business Award in 2008.

Prior to founding Spectrum Systems, he was a Project Manager and Systems Engineer for the General Electric Company. He then taught at the University of Pennsylvania (Wharton School) Graduate School of Business and at the [New York University](#) Stern School of Business where he was Chairman of the under-graduate Computer Applications/ Information Systems Department and taught both graduate and undergraduate courses. As Director of Research and Development for EDUCOM, a consortium of over 300 colleges and universities responsible for enhancing and sharing computer and communication resources in higher education, he managed several research projects which guided later educational Internet resource sharing. Following EDUCOM, he served as Vice President and Group Executive of the Information Systems Group at Essex Corporation in Alexandria, Virginia, heading up the Systems Engineering and Analysis Division, the Information Systems Division, and Essex's MIS Department. He went on to found and serve as president of Essex Office Systems, which later became Spectrum Systems.

Ron remained interested and active in the field of education and enjoyed serving as a judge in the Fairfax County Science Fairs. At Penn State he had been prior of the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity at Penn State and maintained that tie throughout his life. He provided advice from his teaching experience at Wharton and New York Univ. to the newly established School of Information Sciences and Technology at Penn State and more recently established the Harry L. Segal Scholarship Fund there in memory of his father. He was a member of the Central High School Alumni Association and the Penn State Alumni Association.

He was the son of the late Harry L. and Edith Litwack Segal. Survivors include his wife of 27 years, Beverly Dickerson of Oakton VA; stepdaughter, Lauren O'Neal (Kathy Desmond) of Cambridge MA; sister, Sandra Segal Polin (Steve) of Pacific Palisades CA; niece, Alison Polin Saros (Nick) and family and nephew Craig Polin (Gina) and family.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1 P.M. Saturday, February 23, 2013, at the Fairfax Hunt Club, 1321 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston VA 20190. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the [American Diabetes Association](#) , [American Heart Association](#) , the Central High School Capitol Fund (Philadelphia PA) or the Harry L Segal Scholarship Fund at Penn State.

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