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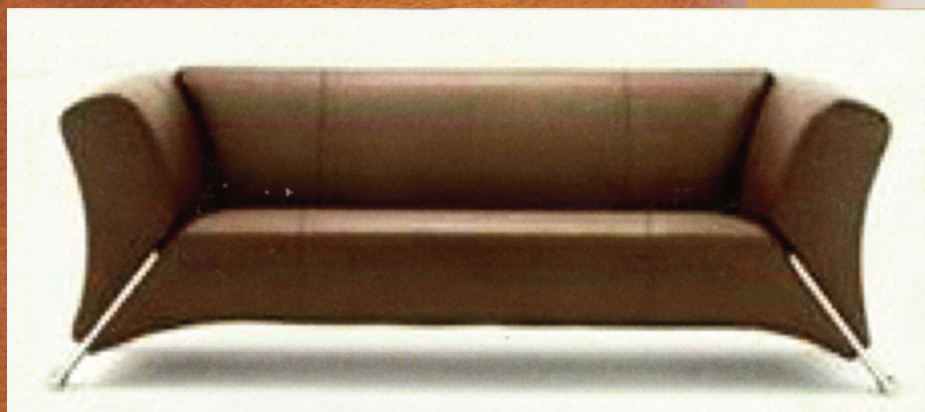


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## Obituary

**David Rabinovich**, age 83, passed away on July 1, 2021 in Las Cruces, New Mexico.



David was born January 18, 1938 in the Andean town of Medellín, Colombia, and received his primary and most of his secondary education at the Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana schools in Medellín. He attended the University of California at Berkeley where he received a BS in Chemistry (1962) and San José State College where he obtained a Master's in Chemistry in 1965. He worked since 1966 as a tanner in a family business, Andina de Curtidos, in the village of Copacabana just north of Medellín. He was involved in the founding of ACOLCUR, the Colombian Leather Chemists Association and was on the board of the CIDI's leather research institute at the Bolivariana; directing a Master's degree thesis on the use of chrome shavings as an ion-exchange resin to recover goldcyanide tailings and radioactive metals. He was in charge of research and development for the Titán Tannery in Cali, Colombia, from 1993 through 1995. In early 1996 he started working for J.H. Lowenstein & Sons, Brooklyn, NY, travelling mainly to India and Mexico, through 2006. Since 2007 he was a leather consultant, travelling primarily to Latin America for Grupo ABC Leder Andino SA, implementing low pollution processing, with zero sulphide/chrome in the effluents from tannery wet-end processes. In 1982 he presented a paper at the Latin-American Leather Chemists Congress, Bogotá, on the Colombian Cattle Slaughter Cycle. In November of 1982 he published a study

of weight/area yield for lime-split upper leather in Das Leder. In November 1995, at the XIII Latin-American Leather Chemists Congress at Cartagena, he presented a paper on Environmental Thermodynamics Implications for the Leather Industry. In 1999, during the IULTCS congress at Chennai, he presented a paper on low float, low effluent retannages. In 1999 he awarded by the Mexican Leather Chemists Association the San Jordi prize for academic excellence for a paper titled: "Seeking Soft Leather with Good Break", which lead to a publication in World Leather Magazine in 2002. He was appointed coeditor of a CLRI project for a Treatise on Leather Technology and assigned a chapter on the Material Science of Leather Making. His work on collagen reactivity, presented at the 105th ALCA Annual Convention, was part of the CLRI treatise assignment. He was a translator for JALCA Abstracts into Spanish and a member of ALCA since 1966. He became a life member of the ALCA in 2007. He served on the 2008 ALCA O'Flaherty Selection Committee and on the 2009 ALCA Alsop Selection Committee. He attended and presented at many of the ALCA Annual Conventions and was well known for his provocative and probing questions. In 2013 he was the Dr. Robert M. Lollar Prize Paper Award recipient and attended the XXXII IULTCS Congress May 29-31, 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey to give his paper titled "Everything You Wanted to Know about Collagen Models - But Were Too Afraid to Ask!" He was truly passionate about the leather industry as well as the ALCA; however, we have found out that he also had a passion, when he had time, for flying his Piper Cub and later his Cessna 180 private airplanes.

David married Marcia Lynn Slowinski, on February 22, 1963 in Reno, NV. She preceded him in death on June 29, 2010. He is survived by his two sons, Alexander and spouse Adriana of Glendale, CA and Victor and spouse Nicole of El Granada, CA.

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