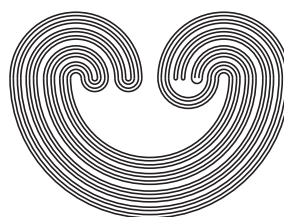


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1. INTRODUCTION

Phillip Lee Zenor was born December 16, 1940, in Houston, Texas to Alpha Whisenant Zenor and Hughes M. Zenor. He passed away on March 21, 2020, at age 79 from glioblastoma, a brain cancer.¹ In this article I will touch on several aspects of Phil's life and work. After giving a few details about his education and early career, in Section 2 I make some personal remarks about what he has meant to me and to my career, and then in Section 3 I give an overview of his many contributions in set-theoretic topology.

Phil was a commercial artist for a couple of years after high school before turning to academics. He entered the University of Houston in 1960, earning his B.S. in 1964, M.S. in 1965, and his Ph.D. in 1968. His was one of the first two math doctorates awarded by the university.

¹The same kind that killed Senators John McCain and Ted Kennedy.

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