

David Horn was born in London, UK, in 1944

At the age of 10 he moved to Beijing, China, with his family.

He spent 15 years in Beijing, attending primary school, high school, and university. All the education was in the Chinese language. His physics course at Beijing University was interrupted in the third year by the “Cultural Revolution”.

In 1969 he returned to London with his family, worked for a couple of years as an electronics technician, and then went back to college to get a recognised qualification. He ended up getting a PhD in electrical Engineering from Imperial College, London.

In 1979 he moved to the USA and got a job at Bell Labs, New Jersey, where he worked for over 20 years.

In 2000 he retired from Bell Labs and joined a high-tech start-up in Maryland. In 2006 the start-up failed and he moved to California.

He got a job in San Jose, the heart of Silicon Valley, doing research and development on surgical lasers. He retired again in 2014 to have more time traveling with his wife, while both were still fit enough to travel. It was a good move, because in October 2017 his wife was diagnosed with cancer, and passed away in February 2018.

David's father was a keen amateur photographer and David took up photography at the age of 8 or 9.