

**Leonard Harris, 68**  
*Director, Corporate Relations,  
1973-1988; died July 9*



Len Harris was born to be a Timesman. It's true he had a distinguished career in publishing before he joined the company in 1973 as director of special projects. But those previous jobs were really just rehearsals for his role at The Times.

Len's love for the newspaper and the company was infectious. When I first became his secretary in 1974, I was convinced he lived in the building. I soon discovered he indeed had an Upper West Side apartment and a beautiful wife and daughter. But he was so devoted to his job

that I never figured out how he found time to enjoy his family and friends, let alone play tennis, see so many ballets and plays and still do volunteer work.

Len was named director of corporate relations in 1979. He was an ideal company spokesman, with a brilliant mind, honesty, integrity, grace and class. He could adroitly field a pointed question from the media, then smoothly explain our financial intricacies to an inquiring security analyst. His themed annual reports were masterful blends of text and graphics.

Even after his "retirement" in 1988, he consulted on several projects, and wrote a moving account of his search for his roots in Russia in the "About Men" column in the Times Magazine.

Whenever we spoke, I realized once more how fortunate I was to have had Len as my boss and mentor, and how blessed I was to have him as my friend.

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