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A personal note from Edward's son, Jonathan Wohl:

It's with much sadness that I write this. This past weekend my father, Edward, died from leukemia. He was 81 years old.

I grew up in the shop. As early as I can remember it was a place where I was welcomed, where my father and his employees would always pause to help with whatever thing I wanted to build, regardless of how busy they were. I began sanding cutting boards in middle school, and worked in the furniture shop on and off throughout high school and college. I learned so much from my father over the years — about the art of designing furniture and the subtleties of working with wood, of course, but also about how to lead a meaningful life, full of love, laughter, and kindness. It's hard to imagine life without him.

I'm grateful that I got to spend the last several years working closely with my dad, designing and building pieces together. For most of my life, I'd run all of my ideas and sketches by him before beginning a project. In recent years, as I was taking on more in the shop and he was slowing down, he'd ask me to review his drawings and check his measurements. He often made a point to tell me (and others) how happy he was to have me back in the shop, and how proud he was of the pieces I'd designed and built; despite his age, we both expected to have many more years working together.

Edward Wohl Woodworking & Design, the small woodworking business my father started half a century ago, will continue. We'll keep producing the iconic bird's-eye maple bread boards he designed, and his signature will continue to grace each piece of furniture that comes out of our studio. It's a difficult time, but the truth is that, like him, I feel most at peace when I'm in the shop, working — the shop he built, using the tools and skills he handed down to me, and looking out at the hills and valleys that inspired him.