Sidney Cyril Abrahams, PhD, DSc, passed away at his home in Ashland on February 9, 2021 at age 96. Sidney was born in London, England on May 28, 1924, the eldest child of Aaron and Freda Abrahams. His family moved to Scotland in 1938, where he was educated at Greenock Academy. Sidney attended the University of Glasgow, where he received his BSc in chemistry in 1946 and met his wife Rhoda Banks, also a chemistry major. Sidney received his PhD in Crystallography in 1949 from the University of Glasgow. Sidney and Rhoda were married in New York City in 1950 and Sidney worked as a member of the MIT staff from 1950 to 1954. Sidney and Rhoda returned to Glasgow “for good” in 1954, where Sidney was a Research Fellow at the University of Glasgow and received his DSc in Crystallography in 1957. The economically stringent times in the United Kingdom in the mid-50’s made the opportunity to work at Bell Telephone Laboratories too good to pass. The couple moved their growing family to the United States in 1957 and Sidney worked as a member of the technical staff at Bell Labs in Murray Hill, NJ until his retirement in 1988.

Dr. Abrahams’s distinguished scientific career produced over 300 publications and included multiple awards, grants, editorships, and honorary Doctorates. He served as president of the American Crystallographic Association in 1968 and as editor-in-chief of the journal *Acta Crystallographica* from 1978 to 1987. Sidney travelled worldwide attending international crystallographic conferences. He performed research as a Visiting Professor at the University of Bordeaux in France and the University of Tübingen in Germany at various times between 1979 and 1995.

Following his retirement from Bell Labs, Sidney and Rhoda moved to Ashland in 1991, where Sidney became Adjunct Professor of Physics at the Southern Oregon University. The couple embraced living in Ashland, where they became members of the First Presbyterian Church of Ashland and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and made many friends. They enjoyed walking on the nearby trails and square danced regularly. Sidney is survived by his wife Rhoda; children Mark, Brian, and Jennifer; and grandchildren Aaron, Natalie, and Alexandra. Sidney was preceded in death by his sisters Marian and Shirley. A memorial service will be held at a later date.