

Andrew P. Sundberg, advocate of expatriates' rights worldwide

Andrew P. Sundberg, 71, the founder of American Citizens Abroad and long one of the most ardent advocates of the rights of expatriates, died in Geneva on Thursday of a heart attack, the organization announced.

Mr. Sundberg, who grew up in Japan

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and Germany, was a Rhodes scholar and served in the U.S. Navy at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, and in Vietnam before moving to Geneva in 1968, where he was an international business consultant.

Mr. Sundberg helped found the American Children's Citizens Rights League, which successfully campaigned for legislation to make it easier for children born-abroad to Americans to acquire U.S. nationality.

In 1978, he founded American Citizens Abroad, now with members in 90 countries, to address a broader range of issues. For decades he campaigned for a U.S. switch from a citizenship-based to a residence-based taxation system, which nearly every other country uses. That goal eluded him. A history enthusiast and political activist, he was world-wide chairman of Democrats Abroad in the early 1980s.