



Mark Earl Hegman

July 6, 1941 - September 29, 2020

Mark E. Hegman of Edina passed away on September 29, 2020 following a very brief battle against leukemia. We find comfort in knowing that Mark is reunited with Jackie in heaven, who passed on August 20, 2020.

Mark is survived by daughter, Jenny Higgins (Mike), and grandsons Charlie, Cameron and Teddy Higgins. Mark is also survived by sister Elizabeth Lewis, as well as other family and friends near and far. In addition to his wife Jackie, he is also preceded in death by parents Elsie and Clyde Hegman.

Mark was born July 6, 1941 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He graduated from Edina Morningside High School in 1959, and went on to graduate from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Political Science. He was a proud member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Mark began his professional career with American Colloid Company in Skokie, Illinois. He was fortunate to have several mentors there; he learned much about sales, business and leadership; tools that he applied throughout the remainder of his professional career and also within his personal life. Mark and Jackie moved back to Edina in 1979, and Mark started his next chapter of his business career as the owner and president of Minnesota Store Equipment (Tonka Coolers), a manufacturer of walk-in freezers and coolers. The business grew to include two other manufacturing plants in Tennessee and Iowa. Upon his retirement in 1992, he became involved in philanthropic and charitable work, and served on several boards over the years. Most recently, Mark truly enjoyed his work with the Plymouth Christian Youth Center in Minneapolis.

Mark really was one of a kind. His energy and warmth would light up the room. He was always genuinely interested in other people's stories, and loved to ask people questions about themselves. He had an ability to make every person that he encountered feel special. He loved to chat, he loved to joke around, and his contagious laugh and sense of humor was unrivaled. Mark truly cherished his family and friends.

Mark was a proud Swede (100%), and a die-hard fan of the Minnesota Twins, Minnesota Gopher Men's Basketball. He enjoyed playing tennis, a sport he picked up later in life and enjoyed for so many years. He was a shrewd investor and loved to watch the ticker. He was very knowledgeable on birding and trees, and loved Minnesota wildlife. His favorite hobby was collecting stamps, and he enjoyed attending philatelic conventions and auctions. He and Jackie cherished their time spent at their family cabin in Outing, winters in Naples, Florida, and of course looking out at the Minnehaha "crick" at their home and enjoying the abundant nature and wildlife.

In lieu of flowers, consider a memorial donation to Plymouth Christian Youth Center at pcyc-mpls.org. A private ceremony will be held at Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis; and a gathering celebrating the beautiful lives of both Mark and Jackie will be held at a future date.

Cemetery

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN, 55408

Events

OCT 9 **Visitation** 12:30PM - 01:00PM

Lakewood Garden Mausoleum and Reception
Center
3600 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN, US,
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OCT 9 **Church Service** 01:00PM - 01:30PM

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