



## David Mark Leon

April 9, 1956 - May 17, 2024

David Mark Leon, a beloved son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather, passed away on May 17th after a valiant battle with Alzheimer's. Born on April 9, 1956, in Los Angeles, Dave's life was filled with passion, music, love, and a zest for life that touched everyone around him.

Dave had a deep and abiding love for his wife, Sue. Meeting as friends first, they fell deeply in love, sharing countless adventures and experiences. Together, they created a beautiful partnership and shared a passion for raising their three children. Dave had a unique ability to make everyone feel special and cherished. Whether coaching or watching sports with his sons, Jason and Josh, or ensuring his daughter Rebecca was the best dressed at every school dance, his devotion to his family was unwavering.

As a son and brother, Dave was magnificent. He shared close bonds with his parents, Marvin and Judy Leon and siblings, Danny (Sara) Leon, Debra (Drew) Cohen, and Diane DeKovner. He was also a wonderful brother-in-law to Mike and Etta Barry, Rob and Julie Shrell, and Paul and Saralee Shrell Fox. His immediate family was enriched with the additions of Josh's wife India, grandsons Zealand and Skyler, and Rebecca's husband Kevin. He also was blessed with 16 nieces and nephews.

Dave's professional life was marked by his reputation as a well-respected

transactional lawyer. Beyond his career, he was an avid supporter of the St. Louis Cardinals and all Northwestern University sports teams. His passion for literacy shone through the poems he wrote for all celebrations, capturing moments and emotions with his words. He published a children's book 'Sleep Tight Hoopy Doopy' inspired by the bedtime stories he told his three kids during their childhood.

He had an endearing quirkiness that made him unforgettable. Dave ate tomatoes like people eat apples, always had iced tea at any hour of the day, and was rarely seen without a Tommy Bahama shirt. His laugh was contagious, bringing joy to those around him.

Dave will be remembered for his kindness, his sense of humor, and the love he had for his children, family, and friends. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Judy Leon, and in-laws, Zel and Lorraine Shrell.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Shrell Leon, of 42 years, children Jason, Josh (India), and Rebecca (Kevin), grandsons Zealand and Skyler. He is also survived by his father, Marvin, brother Danny (Sara), sisters Debra (Drew), Diane. Additional relatives Rob (Julie), Saralee (Paul) and Etta (Mike), as well as 16 nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service, 10:30 AM Tuesday, May 21 at Adath Jeshurun, 10500 Hillside Lane W, Mtka

Shiva Services

7:00 PM, Tuesday, May 21, St. Albans Mill Condominiums, Party Room, 3000 St. Albans Mill R. Mtka

7:00 PM, Wednesday, May 22, Adath Jeshurun, 10500 Hillside Lane W. Mtka  
Shiva Service will take place in Los Angeles on Sunday, May 26, 2024

Click for <https://www.adathjeshurun.org/livestream.html> or visit [adathjeshurun.org](https://www.adathjeshurun.org)

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to an Alzheimer's charity or foundation of their choice in memory of David Mark Leon.

# Cemetery Details

## United Hebrew Brotherhood Cemetery

2605 West 70 1/2 Street  
Richfield, MN 55423

# Previous Events

## Church Service

MAY 21. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Adath Jeshurun Congregation  
10500 Hillside Lane West  
Minnetonka, MN 55345

## Graveside Service

MAY 21. 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Leon Z” Funeral in memory of David Mark Leon



Washburn-McReavy - May 20, 2024 at 09:41 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Dave’s family. “Sweet Dave” was my pledge dad at ATO, one of the largest and most racial/ethnic/religiously diverse fraternities at Northwestern. He was kind, a brilliant student, and a mentor to me. He loved all music, particularly the Kinks and CS&N, and had one of the nicest stereo and record setups I’d ever seen. He sold several albums to me before he left for law school since he knew his spare time would be limited. We had a wonderful reunion in the 1990’s and we were so pleased to see each other again. I think of him and his California stories, songs, and sports passions whenever the context arises. His memory lives on. Jeff Leigh, NU ‘79.

Jeff Leigh - January 24, 2025 at 02:17 PM