



Mark Warren Sheffert Jr.

May 17, 1947 - July 8, 2023

Mark Warren Sheffert Jr., (76), of Edina, Minnesota passed peacefully on July 8, 2023 with his three sons by his side.

A true rags to riches story, Mark was born May 17, 1947 in Lincoln, Nebraska to Neneen Honsvall (Sheffert) and Mark Warren Sheffert. Mark's business journey began as a young boy when he started delivering newspapers in Lincoln, Nebraska to help provide financially for his family. His family moved to Minnesota where his father passed away when he was 18 and his mother later married Arvid Honsvall. Mark made it his goal and commitment to 'do better' for his family.

Mark attended the University of Minnesota where he played football, later received a graduate degree and completed the Executive Program. He started his career selling life insurance all while developing into a respected leader. He joined First Bank Systems (now US Bancorp) where he eventually served as the President and Vice Chairman of First Bank, N.A., its largest subsidiary and Chairman and CEO of First Trust. In 1989, Mark founded Manchester Companies, a firm that built a national reputation for helping companies navigate challenging situations. Mark became an expert in corporate governance and served on over 50 boards of directors, including public, private, and non-profit organizations. He received many awards and recognitions to include Outstanding Director - Lifetime Achievement Award

from the National Association of Corporate Directors and was inducted into the Minnesota Business Hall of Fame. Mark loved teaching at the Carlson School of Business at the University of Minnesota where he interacted with and mentored the leaders of the future.

Mark is survived by his sons Mark III (Thea), Chris (Sitinee), Brandon (Courtney) and their mother, Danya Spencer, ten wonderful grandchildren, former wife Jennifer Severson, his beloved dog Aussie and many other loving family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Neneen Honsvall (Sheffert), father Mark Warren Sheffert, stepfather Arvid Honsvall, and siblings Sharan Adkins and Joseph Sheffert.

While extremely proud of his 'boys', without question, Mark's greatest joy came from his ten grandchildren who called him "Papa". Papa was always there to support his grandkids and thoroughly enjoyed breaking all of the rules to spoil them.

Mark was very generous with a passion for helping others and especially those who started from humble beginnings as he did. Mark was a steadfast supporter of organizations that he believed in such as Bolder Options and the University of Minnesota and its athletic programs.

He was so grateful for all of his friends and family and we look forward to celebrating his life with you all in the future (details forthcoming). We appreciate your love for our dad and thank everyone for their support during this difficult time.

In remembrance of Mark's life, the family asks that donations be made to Bolder Options (<https://bolderoptions.salsalabs.org/webdonationpage0copy1/index.html>)

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“ My favorite memory with mark was thanksgiving before I left for the navy. I never felt what it was like to be around such loving people during the holidays and I will never forget how I was accepted into the family. Mark is in a better place without a doubt, and he and his thanksgiving ham will never be forgotten. Rest in paradise.

Anthony Schultz - July 15, 2023 at 12:11 PM

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I am forever grateful that he welcomed me into the Sheffert family with open arms! It was an honor to be his daughter-in-law. My favorite memories of him were watching him with his 3 boys and 10 grandkids. He is missed! ❤️

courtney - July 15, 2023 at 01:59 PM

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So sorry for the loss of your Dad, Brandon, It is never easy losing a parent. What a beautifully written obituary about your Dad. He was a kind, caring & giving person. I almost felt like I knew him. Sending love ❤️ to U and your family at this sad time.

Louise Molfetta - July 16, 2023 at 07:34 AM