



## Michael Symeonides

November 10, 1930 - July 3, 2024

It is with great sorrow that we announce Michael Symeonides, 93, died at his Minneapolis home on July 3, 2024. Born on November 10, 1930, in Canton, OH, to George and Hebe Symeonides, Mike was a first-generation Greek Cypriot who was very proud of his heritage and possessed an undeniable zest for life and adventure. Before pursuing higher education, Mike honorably served in the US Navy aboard the USS Wren, forever cherishing his time in the service. Following his discharge, he attended Bowling Green State University, where he earned his B.S. degree. Beginning right after graduation, Mike enjoyed a long and successful sales career at The Pillsbury Company, where he was highly respected for his leadership in the sales organization and was a mentor to many. Mike's legacy extends far beyond his professional achievements. His intellect, sense of humor, kind and generous nature, combined with his love for fun and adventure, and non-judgmental love of people endeared him to all who knew him.

Mike was predeceased by his parents, his wife Nancy in 1988, and their infant daughter, Diane. He is survived by his love and best friend, Mary Pierce; his sons Steve (Bette), Joe (Eunju), and Jong; daughters Michelle and Sarah Glass (Jay), Mary's daughters Carla Lindblom, and Katie Hammond (Matt); his sister Helen Bozeka; and the greatest joys of his life, grandchildren Hailey (Chris), Alexander (Sierra), Isaak, Mya, Ava, and Lennon. Mike's presence in their lives will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

Mike was an outstanding athlete, choosing handball as his favored sport. He cherished the camaraderie among his fellow players and the competitiveness of the game. He loved books and music, enjoyed traveling the world, appreciated the arts, and believed in giving back to the community and those less fortunate.

A Celebration of Life Open House for Mike will be held on Thursday evening, July 25, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the LaRive Condo Building. Memorials are preferred to the Michael and Nancy Symeonides Endowment Fund at Children's Home Society of Minnesota <https://chlss.org/> or a charity of donor's choice.

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“ Mike, without a doubt, had the most profound impact on my life outside of my family. He introduced me to Opera, eat street and critical thinking. He took me in when I returned from Arizona for 6 months and we had such a wonderful time. During that time we cooked delicious meals, discussed interesting life topics and ate at many amazing restaurants. He was truly one of the great ones! 💕  
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