



Robert Leonard Shutes

February 8, 1947 - September 9, 2021

Robert L Shutes, 74, passed away September 9, 2021. Bob was born February 8, 1947 and grew up in Minneapolis. He was a talented athlete throughout his school years, playing football, baseball and basketball for Washburn HS, graduating in 1965. He received a BS in Business from the University of MN in 1969 and was awarded his Juris Doctorate from the University of MN Law School in 1972.

Bob spent 17 years practicing law, the last 11 years with Sprenger, Olson & Shutes, PA in Minneapolis. His practice concentrated in the areas of antitrust and employment discrimination litigation. In 1989 he switched careers, becoming a financial advisor. Bob retired in 2013 from RBC Wealth Management, after 25 years in the investment industry. During his tenure he was designated a Five Star Wealth Manager by Mpls St. Paul Magazine and Twin Cities Business on numerous occasions and recognized by Law & Politics as a trusted financial advisor to lawyers. From 1978 through 2000 he was a principal of State Fair Concessions, owning 5 food stands at the beloved MN Get Together.

In 1996 Bob found he needed a heart transplant and waited for 2 years at home and 89 days in cardiac intensive care at Abbott Northwestern Hospital before a matching heart was found. In 1998 he received the gift of a new heart, and he and his family are forever grateful to his donor, Steve, and Steve's family. Post-transplant, Bob spent many years volunteering for LifeSource, helping to raise funds for education and awareness about organ,

tissue and eye donation.

Bob cherished his wife of 28 years, Shelley, who was his best friend. Shelley and Bob enjoyed their life together and after the transplant decided "life is short" so they made the most of it, spending winters in Florida and traveling in the US and Europe. After retirement, Bob found a new passion in pickleball and became an avid player, participating in tournaments and helping others learn the sport.

Bob collected and retained friends throughout his life, from grade school to law school, throughout his careers, and while living in MN and Placida, FL. He supported and truly cared for his friends, loyal to a fault. He loved dogs and always had time to greet a pup and talk to its owner. He was a stalwart MN Gopher football and basketball fan - always excited at the beginning of every season.

Bob felt incredibly lucky to wake up each day, thankful for his second heart and with a positive spirit. He was a fighter to the end.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents Byron (Bud) and Gloria (Erickson) Shutes.

He is survived by loving wife, Shelley, brother Mike (Cheryl) Shutes, sister-in-law Brenda (Bud) Ramsey, brother-in-law Brian (Sandy) Haupt, 9 nieces and nephews, 10 great-nieces and nephews and more friends than anyone could ask for.

Visitation Saturday, September 18 from 4 pm - 6 pm at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 W. 50th St, Edina. Celebration of Life at the Doubletree in Bloomington, 7800 Normandale Blvd, Bloomington, on Sunday, September 19 from 2 pm - 5 pm with Sharing of Memories at 3 pm. Masks are appreciated. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to LifeSource (www.life-source.org) or Assistance League of Minneapolis/St. Paul (www.assistanceleague.org/minneapolis-st-paul).

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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