



## Mark Edward Brickman

June 1, 1934 - October 5, 2023

Mark Edward Brickman was born in Milwaukee on June 1, 1934. Son of Mae (Bogost) and Norman Brickman, brother of Marilyn Last of Chicago, predeceased by sister Nena (Tom) Dyhr of Madison. Beloved husband of Cheryl of Mequon. Mark graduated from Riverside High School and the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he met and later married Connie Schwartz, mother of his three children, Julie (Jim) Tynion of New York, Ned (Katerina) Brickman of Milwaukee and Pam (Len) Kasper of Chicago. He was stepfather to Rachel VanderWeit and proud Papa to 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mark served as a lieutenant in the US Army, achieving the rank of Marksman. He worked in several jobs (and donated plasma) to support his young family, including washing windows at Schlitz Brewery. In 1957 he found his life-long career in commercial real estate when he joined the Robert A. Polacheck Company (later CBRE). He began as one of three brokers, eventually rising to President and CEO, with more than 50 employees. Mark was instrumental in the development of Mayfair Mall, Milwaukee's first major shopping center. It was his idea for McDonald's windows to overlook the indoor ice rink. In 1962 he brought Baskin Robbins stores to the Midwest, even getting to name some ice cream flavors. When the Northridge area was thriving, aside from the mall, Mark was responsible for nearly every commercial property between 68th & 88th on Brown Deer Road. He was key in leasing every Kohl's Food Store around the state and was responsible for numerous other commercial developments in Southeast

Wisconsin. Mark mentored countless individuals and mastered the art of delegating to other associates; he allowed others to advance their careers as he took a step out of the limelight. Even in retirement he remained active in the field, developing properties into his late 80s. Mark was an avid philanthropist for many causes, with those connected to the State of Israel closest to his heart. In 2022, he received the Distinguished Leadership Award by the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. He wholeheartedly devoted his time and talents to NAACP, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, UW Veterinary School, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and more organizations. Mark served the boards of numerous organizations including: Froedtert Memorial Hospital, Milwaukee Jewish Federation, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Art Museum, COA and the UWM Lubar School of Business. Mark was an outstanding golfer and two-time Club Champion at Brynwood CC. He was passionate about nature, birding, world traveling (with more than 50 trips to Israel), classical music (especially Gershwin) and loved movies and theater. He was a longtime supporter of the MSO, Milwaukee Ballet, First Stage and Milwaukee Repertory Theaters. He passed away peacefully at home on October 5, 2023, surrounded by family and his beloved pets. The family would like to thank the many doctors (Daniel Jenkins, James Thomas, Yee Lan Wong, Candace Johnstone) and nurses at Ascension Ozaukee County and Froedtert Hospitals, Sacred Heart and Rehabilitation Hospital of Wisconsin; and the home caregivers (Melissa, Skeeter, Maria, Tyson, Dolores, Edilberto and JoAnn) who took such good care of him. Private service and burial. His warm smile, wry sense of humor and well-earned wisdom will be missed by friends, family and colleagues. In lieu of flowers, donations to any of the following would greatly honor Mark: Congregation Emanu El B'ne Jeshurun, Milwaukee Jewish Federation, Milwaukee Jewish Day School, HERC, Milwaukee Urban Stables, OWLT or the Ozaukee County Humane Society.

The family will receive guests at Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 from 1-3 PM with a minyan service at 2:30 PM;

and at the home of Ned and Katerina Brickman, 727 E. Daisy Lane, Fox Point on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 10-12 from 5-7:30 PM.

# Cemetery Details

## Spring Hill Cemetery

166 S. Hawley Ct.  
Milwaukee, WI 53214

# Previous Events

## Shiva

OCT **10**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Congregation Emanu=El N'ne Jeshurun  
2020 W Brown Deer Rd  
River Hills, WI 53217

## Visitation

OCT **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Ned and Katerina Brickman Residence  
727 E Daisy Lane  
Fox Point, WI 53217

## Visitation

OCT **11**. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Ned and Katerina Brickman Residence  
727 E Daisy Lane  
Fox Point, WI 53217

## Visitation

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OCT **12**. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Ned and Katerina Brickman Residence  
727 E Daisy Lane  
Fox Point, WI 53217

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ Joe Davis here -- very sorry to learn this sad news -- my wife and I had the pleasure of meeting Mark a couple of times when my late cousin, Carol Fuller Gamson, visited from Israel . . . a real mensch and friend of all things Jewish.

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**Joe Davis** - November 02, 2023 at 06:14 PM

CB

Hi Joe; Mark and I were lucky enough to spend time with you and your family when Ze'ev and Carole were married in South Hampton . Thank you for your kind words. We miss Carole very much too. May her memory be for a blessing . Cheryl

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**Cheryl Brickman** - November 08, 2023 at 09:14 AM

JB

“ Mark was a gentleman, role model and a Mensch of the highest degree- and I am very proud to call him friend.

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**Jeffrey Bensman** - October 10, 2023 at 05:16 PM

SE

“ The best cousin-missed by all

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**Suzy Ettnger** - October 08, 2023 at 03:12 PM

BC

“ To my friend Cheryl and the Brickman family, I was so sadden to read about Marks passing. I know how devoted to him you were Cheryl. What a completely accomplished man your Mark was. You must all be so proud of him. May the many,many wonderful times and memories of Mark keep your hearts full. What a gift he was.

Your friend Barb from sendiks.

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**Barb Clark** - October 08, 2023 at 01:13 PM

DM

“ Mark was always so friendly and nice whenever he saw you. Sol unassuming and just a down to earth person. Sincerely, Dorothy and Al Meyers

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**Dorothy' Meyers** - October 06, 2023 at 04:59 PM



“ Mark Edward Brickman

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October 06, 2023 at 01:40 PM

RM

“ With Mark's passing Milwaukee loses one of its great philanthropists, visionaries and selfless volunteers! There isn't a charity, social service agency or arts organization that didn't seek his involvement. When Mark said, "yes" you knew you'd succeed, whatever the cause or project. His support, both financial and of time, his wise counsel and willingness to bring others along and most significantly, his personal style and grace gave confidence and comfort to every volunteer and professional with whom he engaged. And, his quiet passion was contagious! Even after completing the highest levels of leadership, Mark would continue contributing to and positively impacting so many organizations. That perhaps is his greatest legacy and a model for all who seek to contribute to and 'give back' to one's community. May his memory be for a blessing.

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**Rick Meyer** - October 06, 2023 at 10:28 AM