



Norman Dann

April 27, 1927 - February 10, 2024

Engineer, entrepreneur, executive, artist, investor, father, husband, grandfather, great grandfather and friend, Norman Dann reluctantly left this world surrounded by family and his beautiful wife of 71 years, Beverly. A fierce survivor of heart disease, cancer caught him at 96 on February 10, 2024. His humor, love, and dinner table lecture series will remain with us always. Born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1927 to Morris and Stella Dann, he learned scarcity drives ingenuity. His mother baked bread in tin cans and his father engineered lab equipment in their basement. After completing officer training with the Navy and graduating from Penn State, Norman dreamed of starting his own business bringing life- saving medical equipment (some created in his father's basement) to market. He left a job at Designers For Industry and turned down an offer at Procter & Gamble to start the Dann Company in 1960. The company thrived bringing disposable needles, infant resuscitators, heart monitors and cardiac pacemakers to market. Medtronic purchased the Dann Company in 1972 and Norman generously distributed stock from the purchase to his employees and moved his family from Cleveland to Minneapolis. He continued to pioneer work in the medical device industry as a Vice President for Medtronic and subsequently through Pathfinder Venture Capital, investing in biomedical companies and technology. When not working he enjoyed time outdoors near any body of water, playing tennis, sculpting beautiful art from stone, fixing almost anything and spending time with his family. He deeply loved and respected his wife and let her guide their years raising a family including Beverly's younger sister, Penny, orphaned at 7. Beverly smoothed an occasional rough edge and their teamwork as matriarch and patriarch made for legendary family lore. Norman is survived by wife, Beverly; children, Laney Brown (Brad), Bonnie Dann (Scott Heide), Mitch Dann (Jill Reich) and Janet Weisberg (Luke); grandchildren, Adrienne Aasand (Aaron), Nate Brown (Laura), Ben Dann (Virginia Faulkner-Monks), Margie and Danielle Berkowitz, Sam and Asher Weisberg, great-grandchildren, Cora, Bennett, Esme, Oliver, Isabel; along with cherished nephews, nieces, and cousins. Funeral service 11 AM on MONDAY, February 19th at TEMPLE ISRAEL, 2323 Fremont Avenue S., Minneapolis. SHIVA 7 PM on Monday at the home of Janet and Luke Weisberg. Memorials preferred to donor's choice.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service

FEB 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Temple Israel
2323 Fremont Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Shiva

FEB 19. 7:00 PM (CT)

Janet and Luke Weisberg's Home
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