



## Martin Joseph Lichterman Jr.

July 11, 1946 - July 15, 2022

Martin Joseph Lichterman Jr., a 76-year-old Memphis businessman revered for his private efforts to lead many troubled friends as well as countless strangers to recover from addictions, died July 15, 2022, after a two-year struggle with pancreatic cancer.

A member of a venerable family long active in commerce and philanthropy in the city, Marty earned widespread love and respect for his kindness, humility, and generosity of spirit.

Like many members of his generation, Marty had to confront demons as a young man after he developed series addictions to drugs and alcohol. His personal recovery changed the focus of his life, and for the last 38 years he dedicated himself to the service of anyone wanting help in recovering from the disease of addiction.

His dear friend Malcolm McRae, retired head of Calvary Street Ministry, said, "Marty has been a sponsor, mentor, and counselor for me for more than 30 years. He had a calm that cut through your crises and enabled you to see your situation with clarity and perception."

Marty was born in Memphis in 1946 and spent most of his life in the city. He graduated from St. Dominic School for Boys and The Webb School at Bell Buckle, Tenn. He attended Spring Hill College in Mobile before returning to join his father in business with Mills-Morris Company.

Marty was later lured by the excitement of the commodities market and worked for the Refco Company and his friend Charles McVean from 1981 to 1990, when he opened his own business, Webb Capital.

To Marty's family and friends, he was a Renaissance Man. He loved to hunt with his father and brothers at Greasy Slough hunting camp in Arkansas and to go dove hunting at a family farm in Moscow, Tenn. Marty enjoyed hours in his wood-working shop. He was a good golfer, an excellent skier, an able fly-fisherman, an avid bridge player, constant

reader, and patient teacher.

He belonged to the Dirty Dozen Bible Class for 25 years. What fed his soul most was sitting with his beloved Kay on the deck of their retreat in Basalt, Colorado, soaking up the drama of the rushing Roaring Fork River and watching his hummingbirds. To Marty, that was magic.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Connell "Wish," his father Martin J. Lichterman, and his brother Thomas Connell Lichterman. He leaves his wife Kay, a son Martin J. Lichterman III (Rachel), a step-daughter Kelly Wetter (Henry), step-son Thomas Weems, Jr. and three grandchildren. He also leaves two sisters, Mary "Mimi" Graves, and Ellen Gardner (Robert); three brothers, William (Cheryl) Lichterman, John (Janis) Lichterman and James (Trudy) Lichterman; and 12 nieces and nephews.

Services will be at Second Presbyterian Church on Thursday, July 21, at 3 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 21. 3:00 PM (CT)

Second Presbyterian Church Chapel  
4055 Poplar Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38111

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Marty aka "Martus" was one of the "good guys" at Webb School in Bell Buckle, TN. He was a joy to be around... with enough mischief to always keep things interesting. He was a real friend to many !  
Sam Buchanan, class of '64, The Webb School.*

Sam Buchanan - August 15 at 12:51 PM

LI

“ *LPI Memphis, Inc. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Martin Joseph Lichterman Jr..*



LPI Memphis, Inc. - July 21 at 02:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martin Joseph Lichterman Jr..*



July 17 at 12:40 AM

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“ *Brill purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Martin Joseph Lichterman Jr..*



Brill - July 16 at 03:53 PM

EW

“ *To all our Lichterman cousins and families, So very sorry to hear about cousin Marty's passing. Even though we hadn't seen each other in many years, I remember him as such a kind man. Our prayers go out to all of you during this time. Much love, Cissy & Michael Wilson*

Elizabeth (Cissy) Wilson - July 16 at 01:25 PM

SB

*To my aunt Kay and my cousins Kelly and Thomas as well as the rest of the family, Scott and I are sending our love and condolences in the loss of your beloved Marty. His life and legacy are important. I appreciated reading the difference his life made in the lives of those that knew him best and those that He poured himself into with his own story of redemption. Prayers for comfort and peace in the coming days. Sending our love,*  
Sherrie (Stringer) and Scott Brewer

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**Sherrie Brewer** - July 16 at 03:47 PM

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*My prayers and condolences go out to all of my cousins and there families during this time of loss.... I am sure my Aunt "Wish", my mom Jean Flynn and other family members that have gone before us are once again reunited.... Much Love, Dennis Flynn*

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**Dennis** - July 20 at 07:11 PM

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*To the Lichterman and extended families, my wife Diane and I were saddened to hear of cousin Marty's passing. His obituary is a beautiful testament to his lifelong commitment to helping others. May all those who received comfort from Marty's generous spirit know that this his love and compassion for others will always remain strong. HIs reunion with all those he loved who had gone before him will no doubt be a joyous one. Sending our deepest expressions of sympathy and love to you all, Cousin Tom and Diane Flynn (Long Island, NY)*

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**Thomas Flynn** - July 21 at 08:55 PM