



Lewis Mandell

February 6, 1943 - May 6, 2019

Dr. Lewis Mandell was a financial economist with a research specialization in financial literacy and a teaching specialization in investments and valuation at the graduate and undergraduate levels. He was a beloved mentor for many of his students as they entered their careers and as they made later career choices.

He began his professional career at the University of Michigan where he directed the Surveys of Consumer Finances. Over his 44 year academic career, he held professorships at a number of leading universities, directed research for the Comptroller of the Currency and served as Dean of Business at Marquette University and the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Lew is the author of 22 books and numerous articles. He spoke nationally and internationally on consumer and investor financial literacy and education—to be in the audience for one of Lew's talks was a unique experience. He delivered his talks with wit and humor that was uniquely Lew. He hosted radio call-in programs on investments and entrepreneurship in two major radio markets and served as an outside director of a publicly traded corporation. He testified before Congress four times and was a guest on numerous nationally broadcast programs including the Today Show, CNN, NPR, A&E and Fox News.

He served on numerous national and international nonprofit boards, and during his twelve years on Bainbridge Island he served on the boards of the Bainbridge Performing Arts, the Bainbridge Island Land Trust, and Congregation Kol Shalom.

Most important, Lew will be remembered as a kind man, a very funny and wildly inventive Renaissance man, a man with wonderful outrageous ideas and a love of travel (the more exotic, the better). He will be missed so much by so many friends and colleagues from coast to coast.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Nancy, his daughter Alexis, and his brother Stan Mandell.

Cemetery Details

Austin Memorial Park

2800 Hancock Dr
Austin, TX 78731

Previous Events

Funeral

MAY 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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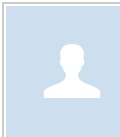
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Diane
Young

“ I did not learn of Lew's passing until tonight. I was looking for a way to contact him, and just tell him I was thinking of him as I have done so often over the years. The time I spent with Lew on the tennis courts and on Snake Island in Greenville, Maine, are some of the most wonderful memories I have. I remember one day after a tennis match, Lew sat down with my teenage son and gave him a 10 minute analysis of something like a "whatchamacallit." My son was enthralled, as we all were when Lew would full of fast one on us, the unknowing. We played many tennis matches where both of us were just exhausted and overheated, but the man just never quit. And because of his and Nancy's love for chihuahuas, I finally got one of my own. One more memory is of Lew offering to shuttle me home to Maryland from Maine in his small plane. I hate flying, but with Lew, it was an educational experience. Even though I haven't seen him in years, his image looms large in my life. Thank you, Lew, for all of the memories. I am thinking of you, Nancy. With love, Diane and Tom Young

Diane Young - December 20, 2024 at 08:35 PM



“ *Lewis Mandell*

October 14, 2022 at 12:02 PM

BE

“ *Lew was my board member at Child and Youth Finance International. A warm and gentle person with an undying passion for financial literacy, Lew never passed up an opportunity to fight for the topic and educate others on its importance. I looked up to you as a giant in our field, as a mentor, and as a friend; I can only imagine how proud your family must be of everything you accomplished in your life.*

Bram van Eijk - September 18, 2019 at 08:47 AM

 Dayna Guizzetti

“ *I will miss our time on the court together Lew! Together we worked hard towards your goal and achieved it with some repetition! I always enjoyed talking politics with you and will miss you in our 4.0 doubles drills! All the best to your family and loved ones during this difficult time.*

Dayna Guizzetti - May 21, 2019 at 04:25 PM



“ *Kinda missed Prof's nagging at us about personal finance on housing for property, insurance for healthcare and car for transport. He taught me the essence for human rights and freedom of life for what it really counts with rationale , respect and responsibility. RIP Prof Lew for teaching us that knowledge has to be relevant for the real world. Not be a pedantic scholar on pushing papers for the sake of it.*

Bernard Leong - May 18, 2019 at 09:49 AM

TK

“ *Dr Mandell was my professor in Finance for several courses at UTSA. I use the principles he taught me daily. He will be missed.*

Tim Kelley - May 17, 2019 at 08:38 PM

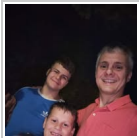
JS

“ I worked for Lew at Marquette University. You could always count on a crazy idea or two. And you could always count on him having the latest gadget.

Sympathy to Nancy and Alexis.

Jeanne Simmons

Jeanne Simmons - May 17, 2019 at 07:15 PM



“ Really saddened. Prof. Mandell was a bright spot in my University of Buffalo MBA program. Opened up the the world of finance and valuation to me, skills that gave me the basics to develop upon and make my life better to this day. Not in the least gave me the confidence that I can make it in this highly competitive world. Rest in piece.

Petar Peevski - May 17, 2019 at 05:31 AM

BC

“ I spent many enjoyable hours with Lew playing tennis on Bainbridge. I equally enjoyed the conversations we had before, after, and sometimes during our matches. He was easily one of the brightest and most articulate individuals I have ever known. My sympathies to his family and I hope they take comfort in knowing how much Lew was respected by his friends.

Bruce Colley

Bruce Colley - May 16, 2019 at 07:31 PM

RA

“ Had the honor of knowing Lew from his tennis world here on Bainbridge Island. The consummate gentleman on the court who was quick with a quip and eager to share his vast knowledge. In life you meet many people, the good ones always give more than they take. Lew was a good one. He is missed.

Richard Alaniz - May 16, 2019 at 04:49 PM

KK

“ Lew and I were colleagues at the University at Buffalo. We shared a passion for tennis, finance, good food and alcohol. I will miss him greatly. He was a great friend and also a caring and selfless mentor. I will always cherish the wisdom that he shared with me. Thank you, Lew. For befriending me many years ago. I really wish you were still around and I'll miss you.

- Ken Kim

KENNETH KIM - May 13, 2019 at 09:57 AM

NS

“ Deeply saddened to hear about Lew's passing. My family and I send our heartfelt condolences to Nancy and Alexis.

Lew was a wonderful friend. He was brilliant, was positive about everyone and everything, and such a kind human being. He always had a way of looking at what is good in people and was a mentor. We flew in his small plane many times, and to his island in Maine. It was interesting to be with him, listen to him and learn from him.

He was a unique individual, with his expertise spanning several disciplines. He knew a lot and managed to keep his feet on the ground, while looking at the big picture and explaining his rationale.

Lew, you made a positive impact on so many. Lucky to have been your friend. Miss you.

*Narasimhan Srinivasan
University of Connecticut*

Narasimhan Srinivasan - May 10, 2019 at 02:49 PM

 Susie
Irvine

“ I had the pleasure of working with Lew for so many years as he developed the MoneySKILL curriculum, served on the AFSA Education Foundation’s board of directors and was instrumental in developing research on students knowledge of financial concepts first for the JumpStart Coalition and most recently for the foundation. Over the years, I considered Lew and Nancy dear friends even though our paths did not cross as often. Lew, always the gentlemen, was fun to be with, witty, intelligent and challengingly, and ready for a good martini and meal. He was way too young to be taken from his family and friends but do believe he lived life to the fullest. My thoughts and prayers are with the family!

Susie Irvine
Former President
AFSA Education Foundation

Susie Irvine - May 08, 2019 at 12:36 PM

RA

“ On behalf of the American Financial Services Association Education Foundation and the nearly one million MoneySKILL users around the world, I want to express our condolences to the Lew Mandell family. He made a tremendous difference in the lives of students everywhere. Please take comfort in knowing his legacy will live on through MoneySKILL and his many financial education efforts.

Rhonda Ashburn
Executive Director
AFSA Education Foundation

Rhonda Ashburn - May 07, 2019 at 09:00 PM

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“ *Rhonda Ashburn lit a candle in memory of
Lewis Mandell* ”



Rhonda Ashburn - May 07, 2019 at 08:49 PM