

Steve Engelman '68 passed away on April 30, 2023 following a seven year battle with Lewy's Body Dementia. Steve entered Dartmouth in the fall of 1964, where he was a member of the freshman swim team, a sociology major, and a beloved brother of Alpha Delta.

Steve lived a life consistent with his principles and values. Following graduation Steve was drafted into the Army, despite the fact that he asserted he was a conscientious objector. He went through basic training and was then stationed at an army post in San Antonio, all the while fighting his induction in the courts. When he won his law suit, he was honorably discharged, and returned to Chicago to attend law school

Steve graduated Chicago Kent Law School with honors, and he and his classmate, Mark Smith, set up a storefront legal clinic in Evanston, to provide legal services to those who may not have access to good legal counsel. His practice outgrew the storefront, and despite moving to an office building and taking on more traditional clients, he and Mark continued to provide legal services to those who needed them most. Engelman and Smith became a highly respected law firm, and Steve became a pillar of the community, serving the city of Evanston in many capacities, including on the city council for a dozen years.

In 1975 Steve married Betsy Stern, and they produced 4 children - Joshua, Karen, Kate and Jane, who subsequently presented them with eight grandchildren. Steve was always true to his values. He loved his family, was proud of Betsy and his kids, doted on his grandchildren, and treasured the many friends he attracted over the years.

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Stephen Engelman, age 77, passed peacefully Sunday at his home in Evanston, surrounded by his loving family and devoted caregivers. Born December 2, 1945, to Robert S. Engelman and Mary Straus Engelman, Steve grew up in Highland Park, IL with older brothers Denny (deceased), Robert Jr (Lynn Van Buren), twin brother John, and younger sister Mary [Scooter] Hathorn (Byron).

Steve was an outstanding student and an avid swimmer who held the Highland Park High School freestyle relay record for 30 years. Steve attended Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH.

Following his graduation, he was drafted into the Army. A vocal anti-war protester, Steve was honorably discharged as a conscientious objector after serving 18 months; his experience fighting the draft inspired a lifelong fascination and deep respect for the law.

Steve received his JD with honors from Chicago-Kent College of Law and opened the Legal Clinic of Engelman and Smith in a storefront on Chicago Avenue in Evanston in 1976 with dear friend Mark Smith. He retired from the firm in 2018.

In 1975, Steve married Betsy Stern Engelman, the love of his life. During their 50 years together, Steve and Betsy cherished countless memories of skiing, traveling the world, and sharing

laughter and good times with their wonderful group of friends. They raised four children, who love them both fiercely: Josh Engelman (Eve Teipel), Karen Storms-Rohm (John), Katie Bergart (Dave), and Jane MacLean (Dan). Steve's 8 grandchildren adored their PopPop.

Steve served as Evanston Township Tax Assessor from 1984 - 1991, and Alderman of Evanston's 7th Ward from 1991 - 2003. Known for his civility, keen intelligence, and long gray ponytail, Steve was instrumental in the development of the Northwestern University/Evanston Research Park and Church Street Plaza.

Burial will be held privately. A memorial celebrating Steve's life will be held at Lake Shore Country Club, 1255 Sheridan Rd, Glencoe on Saturday, May 6th from 3-6pm. Memorial donations in Steve's name can be made to the Evanston Community Foundation, 1560 Sherman Road, Suite 535, Evanston, IL 60201, www.evanstonforever.org or organizations supporting Parkinson's or cardio-vascular health research. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.