



## Mitchell Swaden

March 31, 1953 - July 19, 2024

On July 19, 2024, the world lost a lovely man. Mitchell Swaden was an avid cyclist, a mountain climber, a self-taught car and bicycle mechanic and woodworker, a maker of bagels and cream cheese and a damn fine lawyer. Mitchell loved living full time at the cabin on Lac Courte Oreilles near Hayward, WI for the past 10 years where he could be outside enjoying his many hobbies. More importantly, Mitchell was a loving husband, father, Zayde, brother, uncle and friend. Mitchell was an Assistant Public Defender in the Hennepin County Public Defender's Office for 30 years. He also was co-founder and co-owner of Bagel & Bagel in Kansas City, which later became Einstein Bros Bagels. On the logo, he's the brother with the beard alongside Debra's brother. Mitchell is survived by his loving wife, Debra Lozoff Swaden; treasured daughter, Hannah and son-in-law, Linden Weiswerda; beloved son, Eli and daughter-in-law, Leah; grandchildren, Zev, Alma and Levon; brother, Marty and his wife, Liz; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and his lifelong best friend, Rick Cohen. He was preceded in death by his parents, Sid and Jessie Swaden; and sisters, Patti Shapiro and Barbara Rosen. Funeral service 11:00 AM on TUESDAY, July 23rd at BET SHALOM CONGREGATION, 13613 Orchard Rd., Minnetonka. The family requests no flowers and that donations in Mitchell's memory be made to Brighter Days Family Grief Center, Eden Prairie, MN, Bet Shalom Congregation of Minnetonka, MN or to your favorite Democratic candidate. Shiva 7:00 PM on Tuesday at Bet Shalom Congregation and 7:00 PM on Wednesday at the Swaden's Residence. A special thanks to Dr. Katharine Price and Dr. Daniel Price of the Mayo Clinic Oncology Department. Funeral is available on zoom: [www.hodroffs.com/MitchellSwaden](http://www.hodroffs.com/MitchellSwaden)

# Cemetery Details

## Adath Yeshurun Cemetery

5605 France Ave. So.  
Edina, MN 55410

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bet Shalom Congregation  
13613 Orchard Rd.  
Minnetonka, MN

## Shiva

JUL 23. 7:00 PM (CT)

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JUL 24. 7:00 PM (CT)

Swaden's Residence

# Tribute Wall

VD

“ I met Mitch and Debra almost 8 years ago at Mayo Clinic, the beginning of this hard journey. I felt like I'd known both of them all of my life, and we quickly bonded. Distance played a role in not seeing them more, but Mitch was always in my thoughts. A great person that I feel privileged to have known and a great loss.

*Vicki*

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**Vicki DeFries** - July 30 at 04:51 PM

MS

“ I have wonderful memories of growing up around my dear cousin Mitchell. Especially of the whole family at the house on St. Clair. (We were the Minneapolis relatives.) My condolences to Debra, Marty, Liz and families, and all those whose lives Mitchell touched.

*Marsha (Zeesman) Solomon*

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**Marsha Z Solomon** - July 23 at 12:59 PM

HH

“ We met Mitchell before Covid when he was in Mexico with Debra, Lorrie and Doug. Over the years we have come to appreciate his humor and his wit and he was one heck of a pickle ball player. Our condolences to the whole family Mitchell will be truly missed.

*Holly and Dan*



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**HOLLY HUNTER** - July 23 at 01:46 AM

SM

“ Riding up Mt Rainier. We shared many bicycle adventures. I miss my friend.

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**Steve Morales** - July 22 at 08:50 AM

SM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Steve Morales - July 22 at 08:47 AM

LS

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to you, Debra, and your family. May Mitchell's memory be a blessing.

Laurie Sweet Smith and Tom Smith

Laurie Smith - July 22 at 08:37 AM

BZ

“ I was a law school classmate of Mitchell. He was such a lovely guy. I have wonderful memories of cross country skiing and hiking with him over the years. It was such a joy when Debra entered the picture. Glad to know that he had a good life doing the things that he loved with the people he loved. Love to you Debra, and the family .

Barb Zander - July 21 at 04:27 PM



“ I knew Mitchell when I was a judge and he was a lawyer practicing as a public defender in Hennepin County (he didn't need the practice, he was masterful). I'm so sad to hear that we've lost a kind, gentle, sweet, brilliant man. He was fiercely committed to justice, an advocate, with a kind and gentle smile, a brilliance and tenacity to make sure that justice would have a fighting chance that day, Bless his heart and memory.

Lloyd Zimmerman - July 21 at 02:06 PM

BR

“ Mitchell's energy was a bright spot each morning on the pickleball courts in La Cruz. His outlook was contagious - I aspire to carry on his ambassadorship of enthusiasm

Bilal Rajan - July 21 at 04:40 AM

DA

“ I learned to ski moguls in Utah with Mitchell as my capable mentor. Skiing moguls was and is a metaphor for the way to engage life’s uneven, rocky, and bumpy terrain. Learning to carve your path through it is the best way down. There was no better teacher than Mitchell in this endeavor, whether in nature or in life. I’ll miss you, Mitchell. My love and condolences to the Swadens.

David Alter - July 20 at 09:04 PM

TM

“ Brock and I Tracy met Mitchell on the pickleball courts in La Cruz this year and he was always a true gentleman. Our thoughts are with you at this sad time.

Tracy Macfarlane - July 20 at 05:09 PM

BW

“ I am very grateful to have gotten to be part of Mitchell’s extended family. His passion for his interests and absolute love for his family always shone through. May his memory be a blessing.



Brennin Weiswerda - July 19 at 09:37 PM

JB

“ Marty & family,  
My sincere condolences on the loss of your brother.  
Many fond memories of your family at our pool.  
Janie Warren

Janie Warren Berg - July 19 at 07:20 PM