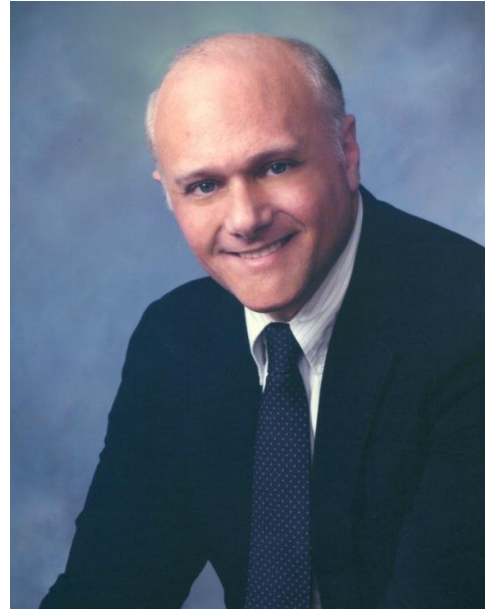


R. (Randy) Mark Goodman

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It is with great sadness that I report the death of Mark Goodman, on Saturday, January 7, 2012. Mark, who was known as “Randy” at Dartmouth, graduated in 1964. He passed away following a long illness and was able to spend his final days surrounded by his family at our home in Granite Springs, NY.



As Mark’s wife of 42 years, I know how the positive influences of Dartmouth followed him throughout his life. Although he grew up as a city boy, living in Hanover gave him a love of nature and outdoor exercise. Mark was born in the Bronx, to Albert Goodman, M.D. and Margaret Goodman, née Meltzer. He attended public schools in the Bronx, where he graduated from the Bronx High School of Science. After spending ten summers in the country at sleep-away camps, Mark’s decision to make an early decision application to Dartmouth was a no-brainer. In addition to enjoying outdoor runs through the New Hampshire hills, he competed for several years on the Dartmouth swim team.

Friendships born in college were important to Mark, too. For many years he stayed in touch with close friends from school, including Chuck Fewell ’64, Albert Hegyi ’65 and Ken Sagat ’64. He loved attending the 25th reunion in 1989, and reconnecting with old friends and acquaintances and “shooting the bull,” as Mark described in-depth debate.

Above all else, Mark valued his Dartmouth education for developing his ravenous intellectual appetite. Mark’s government major led him to business interests in economics, marketing and demographic studies. He obtained an M.B.A. from the Stern School of Business at New York University and worked in marketing, media and finance for ten years.

Mark found his greatest career passion and intellectual challenge in practicing law. In 1979, he earned a J.D degree from Fordham University Law School. He worked as an attorney for more than 20 years in White Plains, NY, as a partner with the firm of Kurzman and Eisenberg, but primarily in solo practice. He concentrated in litigation, with specialization in corporate formation and case work. During and following his years in private practice, Mark wrote articles for the *Westchester Bar Journal* and taught undergraduate courses in business law at several universities.

I met Mark in New York City at a party in early 1969, and was captivated at once by his good looks and active mind. Because Mark was never one to do anything slowly, we got married later that year. In 1986, we adopted biological brothers from South Korea, whom we named Adam and Matthew. Mark shared with them his lively sense of humor, his devotion to reading and his love of athletics and the outdoors. It was Mark's love of the last that led us to settle in Upper Westchester County, first in Briarcliff Manor and then in Katonah with its rural setting.

Mark preferred to plan family vacations that revolved around outdoor activities and explorations of natural beauty. Several summers we relaxed at beach rentals on Long Island and Cape Cod. We also toured several states known for unique natural formations, most memorably Hawaii and national parks in Wyoming and Montana.



Goodmans on the beach in Hawaii



Rafting on the Snake River, Wyoming

Throughout Mark's adult life he loved reading about law, international relations, politics, philosophy, evolutionary psychology and scientific advances. One of his favorite pastimes was engaging in lively debates with our two sons, our friends and, of course, with me. He had an uncanny ability to cut to the heart of an issue and make insightful analyses.

While Mark always insisted the boys would get a great education at any of a number of great colleges, his enthusiasm for his alma mater rubbed off on both of them. Adam was in the class of 2004 at Dartmouth, and Matthew graduated from Dartmouth in 2006.

Mark was unfailingly generous in his support and encouragement of family members and friends, including the close friends of our sons. He helped me make numerous personal and career decisions and loved that I found ways to work, first part time and later full time, in education while raising the boys. Mark engaged in lengthy discussions with Adam and Matt as they explored interests and made choices, especially in their teen and adult years. And he made time to guide some of their friends in their college application process and career plans.

We all miss Mark terribly for his great caring and kindness, the way new ideas brought life to his face and energy to his body, his offbeat sense of humor and his strong ethical foundation.