

Remembering Jay Hechtman...



Jay Hechtman

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Jay Hechtman, founder of The Hechtman Group, LTD., has passed away. Jay struggled with heart-related health problems that caused him to step away from active involvement in the business some time ago. Jim Hechtman, Managing Partner of the firm since 1993, shares this time of grief with family, friends, colleagues and long-time clients.

Jay, a Chicago native, attended the University of Illinois and became a CPA early in his career. He had an entrepreneurial spirit that led to the founding of two successful businesses: Hechtman & Associates in the mid 1970's and then The Hechtman Group Ltd (THG) in 1993. THG allowed Jay and son, Jim, to build a firm focused on effective tax strategy for small to mid-sized businesses as well as hone their business advisor expertise in serving clients in the real estate industry, among others. Jim Hechtman says "My dad often provided important life and business lessons without me realizing in the moment that he was doing it. He had a way of positively influencing people that made a difference".

Friends, family, clients and colleagues remember not only Jay's professional expertise but his avid love of Chicago sports, particularly the Cubs. Jay is recalled for being a great story teller, many of them about sporting events, and always having a good a joke at the ready. He is remembered as man who loved life and leaves a wonderful legacy for his family and business colleagues.

Jay is survived by sons Jeffrey and James and daughter Jennifer Hechtman Rosen. He was proud grandfather of Sarah, Allison, Andrew, Noah, Rachel, Owen and Emmitt. He was a dear brother of Michael Hechtman and a loving companion of Kay Austin.

The memorial service for Jay Hechtman was held, Sunday, August 21, at the Chicago Jewish Funerals Skokie Chapel.