



Martin Neil Finkelstein

February 3, 1954 - February 27, 2025

It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Martin N. “Marty” Finkelstein, who peacefully departed this world on February 27, 2025 at the age of 71. A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, he leaves behind a legacy of love and dedication.

Born on February 3, 1954 in Brooklyn, New York, he had a love of basketball in his youth, which continued throughout his life. He began his early career as a letter carrier. After graduating college and graduate school, he joined the Federal Aviation Administration as an accountant and had a special flare for financial system programming, shaping the agency’s early financial systems. He progressed to the position of Deputy Director, Office of Financial Management. As he continued to advance in his career, he accepted a financial executive position at the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, later becoming its Deputy Chief Financial Officer. He spent his last couple of years before retirement at a much larger DHS agency, Customs and Border Protection. His particular interest throughout his managerial and executive years was efficiency and financial accountability, and he was known for collaborating to solve tough challenges and help others in their career development. His career spanned over 40 years dedicated entirely to public and civil service.

Above all, Marty was a family man. He cherished every moment spent with his

loving wife, Allison Ritman, and he was a proud and supportive father to his children, Keith Finkelstein (Elizabeth MacGuidwin) and Stacy Miller (Matthew Miller), whom he raised with their mother, Maureen. He also embraced his role as a devoted stepfather to Charles Ritman (Mikaela Koetz) and Christopher Ritman and was a doting grandfather to his deeply treasured grandchildren, Adalynn Miller, Anna and Daniel Finkelstein, and Emma and Aurora Ritman. Whether it was sharing stories, offering guidance, or simply enjoying each other's company, he created lasting memories with each of them. Marty is predeceased by his parents, Nathan Louis and Charlotte Finkelstein.

Marty had a lifelong passion for sports and especially enjoyed closely following his favorite New York teams, the Yankees, Knicks, and Giants. His friends and family will smile reminiscing of him enjoying cruises, especially to sunny Caribbean destinations, and his favorite dessert treat, soft ice cream. And we will forever remember him for his kindness, quick wit, and his down-to-earth nature. Although he is no longer with us, his spirit will continue to inspire and guide us.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have offered their condolences and support during this difficult time. Your love and compassion mean the world to us.

Rest in peace, dear Marty. You will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **22**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Dr
Alexandria, VA 22315-5516
(703) 971-7400

Tribute Wall

AB

“Marty was our Project Manager, when I initially came to FAA over 20++ years ago, working for PwC. Marty was authentic, had an amazing personality and infectious smile! Marty was always available to answer a question or assist our team to solve any system concerns or issue. Marty treated all of us like family! I will especially cherish, many fun times we all had on the dance floor on “Theme night”, when we attended AGA Professional Development Conferences and a few years ago, at a colleagues Daughter’s Wedding Reception. Those memories will always be in my heart. My prayers for continued strength for Allison, who is an outstanding and strong woman. My deepest sympathy goes out to Allison and to all of Marty’s family and friends. Andrea Boykin & Family



Andrea Boykin - March 22, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martin Neil Finkelstein.



March 22, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Martin Neil Finkelstein.

March 22, 2025 at 09:40 AM

JH

“ Marty will truly be missed. Remembering Marty as the best manager I've had in my career, especially during my time at the FAA. I admire the confidence he had in me as he hired me for my start into the Systems Accountant role. Later he recommended me to transition to ICE where he worked as Deputy CFO. I'm truly grateful for his wisdom, strong work ethics, and encouragement. I've truly admired he and Allison's relationship as they are so much alike and both love to travel and dance. Both great people. May his legacy live on in each of you and fond memories bring you strength during the difficult times. Praying for you all. God Bless and may Marty rest in peace.



Judy Hairston - March 21, 2025 at 10:07 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martin Neil Finkelstein.



March 21, 2025 at 10:18 AM

YA

“ Your friends: Gordon & Amanda purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Martin Neil Finkelstein.



Your friends: Gordon & Amanda - March 20, 2025 at 06:45 PM

YA

“ Your friends: Gordon & Amanda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martin Neil Finkelstein.

Your friends: Gordon & Amanda - March 20, 2025 at 06:45 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Martin Neil Finkelstein.



March 20, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Martin Neil Finkelstein.

March 20, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Martin Neil Finkelstein.



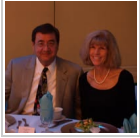
March 18, 2025 at 09:32 AM

TF

“ *The MacGuidwin Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Martin Neil Finkelstein.*



The MacGuidwin Family - March 10, 2025 at 08:41 PM



“ *Dear Allison & Family,
I will always remember Marty as a great example of a truly good person. May God bless you at this sad time and comfort you with all the fond memories.
Debbie Daniels*



Deborah Daniels - March 06, 2025 at 12:44 PM

RR

“ Dear Allison & Entire Family,
Knowing him for more than 2 decades, Marty was a Great Mentor and a Great Leader with cool "ALWAYS SMILING" positive personality. His CAN-DO ATTITUDE always motivates and encourages the entire team towards thriving for success. He was always there to reach out or help solve an issue. He was instrumental and played a vital role with a great vision in modernizing agency's early financial systems. He was a great asset to the FAA for 30 Years and sorely missed when he departed to take new challenges in his Professional Career. "May His Great Soul Rest in Peace - Forever remembered, forever missed - MARTY"
Ramesh & Family



Ramesh Reddy - March 05, 2025 at 11:34 AM

LD

“ Lourdes Duca lit a candle in memory of Martin Neil Finkelstein



Lourdes Duca - March 05, 2025 at 06:29 AM

LD

“ Dear Allison, I was saddened to hear the news about Marty. Please accept my deepest condolences. I remember him fondly when he worked for the FAA. He was always so kind to me, very professional, and knowledgeable. May the good memories of your love for each other sustain you in this difficult time. Lourdes Duca

Lourdes Duca - March 05, 2025 at 06:23 AM

TP

“ Todd Pennington purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Martin Neil Finkelstein.



Todd Pennington - March 04, 2025 at 03:30 PM

TP

“ Todd Pennington planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martin Neil Finkelstein.

Todd Pennington - March 04, 2025 at 03:30 PM

MI

“ Marty was a co-worker with a great personality and sense of humor. He was always there to answer a question or help solve an issue about the 'financial end' of policy and procedures. He was an asset to the FAA, and sorely missed when he moved on to his new challenge. My deepest sympathy goes out to Allison and to all of Marty's family and friends.

Margo Inskeep - March 04, 2025 at 12:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martin Neil Finkelstein.*



March 04, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ *I knew Marty as a friend and colleague. He was a dedicated public servant who took tremendous pride in his work. I will always be grateful for the help he unselfishly gave me when we worked together at FAA. Happy to see him enjoy post-retirement years with Allison and family. In deepest sympathy, David Zavada*

David Zavada - March 04, 2025 at 08:04 AM