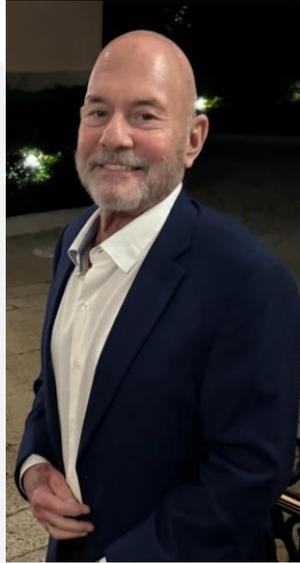




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Danny Rifkin
1954 - 2025

Danny Rifkin passed away peacefully on April 1, 2025, surrounded by his beloved family.

A Fort Wayne native, Danny was a respected entrepreneur, business leader, and philanthropist. He graduated from Elmhurst High School in 1972 and went on to study at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania before earning his degree from the University of Miami in 1977.

Danny began his career at OmniSource Corporation, where he rose to become President and CEO. He was a founding member of Steel Dynamics, Inc., and following OmniSource's acquisition by SDI in 2007, he served as Executive Vice President, President and COO of the company's Metals Recycling Segment, and as a member of the Board. In 2008, after the decision to leave SDI, he launched North River Capital and later founded MetalX LLC, with his son Neal in 2012.

Deeply committed to his community, Danny founded and led the Fort Wayne Center for Learning, helping children with learning differences access the support they needed to thrive. He also served as a Trustee of the Rifkin Family Foundation, which has supported numerous causes close to the family's heart.

Among the most meaningful to Danny was his unwavering support of Jewish life and education. He was a devoted supporter of his local congregation, the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, and efforts to preserve the memory of the Holocaust through ongoing support of memorial and educational initiatives. His commitment to these causes was deeply rooted in his values, his identity, and his desire to give back to the institutions that shaped him and his family.

Danny will be remembered for his vision, generosity, and lasting impact — in business, in community, and in the hearts of all who knew him.