



OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

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SHERMAN "RUSTY" LEWIS

Class of 1954

A graduate of Ottawa High School, Northwestern University, and the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, Sherman Lewis rose to the ranks of Vice-Chairman and Director of the banking investment firm Lehman Brothers, Inc. For over 40 years, he held many key executive positions with premier financial institutions including the position of Wall Street's youngest president at the firm of Loebe Rhodes at age 36. He was considered one of the world's leaders in international banking. He began his investment banking career in 1964. Sherman Lewis served as a commissioned officer in the Marine Corps from 1958-61. He served on the President's Commission on Housing and the President's Council for international youth exchange during the administration of Ronald Reagan. He received the University of Chicago Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2002 and was a member of that university's Advisory Council. He received the Northwestern University Alumni Service award in 1993 and was on the Board of Trustees at Northwestern from 1993 until his death in 2004. At Ottawa High School, Lewis competed in football and track, was a lieutenant in the Ottawa Cadet Corps, and was an academic ROTC scholarship winner to Northwestern University.