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HIGHLAND PARK, Ill. (WLS) -- For Leah Sundheim, what happened on July 4, 2022 instantly shattered her world.

"My mom loved parades. She loved them. I don't remember a Fourth of July we didn't go. She was like, 'Are we gonna walk? Are we gonna go?' For the rest of my life, this weekend is going to look very different. Our world has become quiet in a way that is very difficult."

It was a world her dad, Bruce Sundheim, had so beautifully stitched together with Jacki Sundheim, his wife of 32 years.

"Half your life, you're with somebody. All of the plans you've got in mind in terms of where you're going, what you're doing. All of those conversations, steps you took, with one gunshot, just removed, vaporized," Bruce said.

Read more of Judy Hsu's reporting on ABC7.