



Mr. David W. Briggs

April 14, 1955 - June 13, 2026

David W. Briggs, FIAO

David W. Briggs passed away June 13, 2026 following a brief illness. David was born in Cortland, NY on April 14, 1955. He was a 1973 graduate of Cortland High School and graduated from Paul Smiths College in 1975. He was predeceased by his parents, Wesley and Emma Jane Briggs, his sister, Laurie Milks and his Father in Law, Donald Colongeli. He is survived by his wife, Susan and canine companion Josie, his Mother in Law, Christine Colongeli, Brothers in law, James (Mary) and Donald Jr. and several nieces and nephews.

David recently retired as the Assessor for the Town of Cortlandville serving in that role for 41 years. He also held multiple positions including serving as Assessor for the City of Cortland and the Towns of Cuyler, Virgil, Taylor and Willet. In 1983 he began his own appraisal firm, Briggs Appraisal. His career in the field of property assessment and value began with Spencer-Fitts, Inc. and the Colelayer-Trumble Company, which was responsible for the Cortland County revaluation in the 1970's in which David's impact, has been woven into the very fabric of Cortland County's development.

David's career in assessing spans not only Cortland County but has had a far reaching impact on the entire state of New York. David was an instructor and

author of numerous courses and became a mentor and leader helping to shape the next generation of assessors. He is one of only 11 active members in the state to hold the prestigious title of "Fellow of the Institute of Assessing Officers" (FIAO), a distinction awarded in recognition of outstanding service to the profession. He also served as President of the Cortland Co Assessors Association and held various leadership roles within the New York State Assessors Association including President, Dean of the Cornell Seminar on Appraising and Executive Director. In 2024, in recognition of his contributions, the NYS Assessors Association named an award in his honor, the "David W. Briggs Exceptional New IAO Member Award", which ensures that David's legacy will continue to inspire excellence in the profession for generations to come.

In his spare time David enjoyed Hunting, Fishing, Golf and working in his work shop. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and associates.

Graveside services will be held at a later date and at the convenience of the family.

Condolences may be sent by visiting www.riccardifuneralhome.com. Contributions made in David's memory may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y.

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“ I'm very saddened to hear of Dave's passing. I offer my warmest wishes and thoughts to his wife Susan and other family members. Dave became my friend when we met in 7th grade and we were close for a number of years before time and circumstances moved us both on. I would run into him on occasion, particularly at Town Hall but most recently last year when he was driving by my home and we had a chance to converse and catch up. Dave was a significant part of my early life and I have many fond memories of him and the group of kids we used to hang out with. Adeiu my friend; may your journey be forever comfortable.

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