



Mr. John T. Ryan, Jr.

July 4, 1936 - November 10, 2014

Mr. John T. Ryan, Jr., Esq., 78, of Cortland passed away, Monday, November 10, 2014 at Cortland Regional Medical Center surrounded by his family. Born July 4, 1936 in Cortland, John was the son of John T. Ryan, Sr. and Martha Currie Ryan and was an area resident his entire life. John attended Cornell University, was graduated from Niagara University and received his Juris Doctorate from Albany Law School.

John was a practicing attorney in the area for many years with the offices of Ryan & Rumsey and John T. Ryan, Jr. in downtown Homer. He was a member of the Cortland County Bar Association and was Chairman of the Cortland County Republican Committee and recipient of the 2002 Republican of the Year Award. John served as the Cortland County Attorney 1967-1973, again 1990-1997, and also represented many towns in Cortland County.

His memberships included Cortland Rotary Club, Cortlandville Grange, Delta Chi Fraternity, Red Cross Board of Directors and Alpha Sigma Sorority's Board of Directors He was a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council 233. An avid baseball fan, he coached Babe Ruth teams for over 20 years and was a devoted collector of baseball memorabilia. A lifelong fan of the New York/San Francisco Giants, he reveled in the Giants' recent third World Series win in five years. Additionally, John performed in many local community

theater productions; he wrote, directed and performed a one-act play portraying David Harum; but his proudest moment was being selected to carry the Olympic Torch through Tipperary Hill prior to the start of the 1996 Olympics.

John is survived by his wife, Marilyn, his daughter, Sheila Ryan of Cortland, two sons, Paul (Jenn) Ryan of Bethel, Connecticut and Luke Ryan of Cortland, four sisters, Katherine (Robert) Christian of Naples, Florida; Anne (Richard) Cutia of Etna, Sheila Guinto of Syracuse and Nancy (John) Rocco of Avon, Connecticut, eight grandchildren, Katherine (Cory) Noble, Elizabeth Torti, Annie Austin, Emma, Jed, Kylie, Owen and Nora Ryan and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mr. Ryan was predeceased by his parents and infant sister, Martha.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church with Rev. Joseph Zareski serving as celebrant. Prayers of committal will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Cortland. The family will be present to receive friends on Friday 3-8 p.m. in the Riccardi Funeral Home Chapel.

The family has requested contributions in lieu of flowers be made to St. Mary's School <http://www.smscortland.org>, 61 N. Main St. Cortland, N.Y. 13045.

Tribute Wall

CS

“ I have known Mr. Ryan since I was in high school with Paul. Our paths crossed many times both in my social life and in my professional life. I have seen Mr. Ryan in court standing up for his clients with a passion. He really believed in the people he represented. As a person, you could not ask to have known a better person the Mr. Ryan. RIP Mr. Ryan.

Chipper Stockton - May 18, 2018 at 11:09 AM

BW

“ Cortland has lost one of its finest!! Sending all of our love to the Ryan family.

Barbara and John Walpole - May 18, 2018 at 11:09 AM

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“ He was John to most people, however always called him Mr. Ryan. One could not have known finer people anywhere, than Mr. and Mrs. Ryan. His was definitely a "life well lived". His calling was "way and above beyond" and he performed it magnificently, splendidly and the love and compassion were so evident in all areas of his life. NOW he knows what WE do NOT, however WE WILL ALL know very shortly. Am absolutely SURE he is smiling down upon us all. Finest regards to the Ryan family. Will keep all in thoughts and prayers continually. Love, Nancy Nancy Soderstrom, 1135 East King Avenue, Kingsland, Georgia 31548

Nancy Soderstrom - May 18, 2018 at 11:09 AM

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“ *May your wonderful memories of John sustain you at this difficult time. A fine gentleman from a fine family. You are in my heartfelt thoughts.*

Dr. Daniel O'Brien - May 18, 2018 at 11:09 AM

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“ *I'm so sorry Marilyn (and family) to hear of your loss. I've only met John a few times, but what a nice man! He always had a word to say to everyone. It seemed he never met a stranger! Know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Terrie Hammond - May 18, 2018 at 11:09 AM

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“ *John was truly one of the great citizens of Cortland County. He was always ready with a joke or a funny story, and always had a good word for everybody. As politically active as he was and as adversarial as his profession could often be, he was unfailingly kind and good natured. Cortland has lost one of its best. God bless his soul and comfort his wonderful family.*

Jim Cunningham - May 18, 2018 at 11:09 AM

PW

“ *It was always such a pleasure seeing you and John! Myron and I send our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to you Marilyn, and your family.*

Priscilla Walter - May 18, 2018 at 11:09 AM

HW

“ *To Marilyn and Family*

Sorry to hear of John's passing. I have good memories of him at your family home in Utica. He was always interesting to talk to and treated me as one of the family. Our thoughts are with you.

Harold and Kathy White - May 18, 2018 at 11:09 AM



“ *Family of John T,*

Sorry to read of John's passing. I have many fond memories of him from our younger days in Truxton! He was always ready with a smile and a bit of humor.

May the Irish blessing follow him always.

Robert "Mick" McGuire--Milton,DE

November 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM