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Class of 1978

Gordon F. Barrington

1952-2021



Gordon Barrington, Attorney, from Milwaukee, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at the age of 68. Gordy was a proud graduate of Milwaukee Hamilton High School, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, and Marquette Law School. He was a practicing attorney in Milwaukee for over 40 years. He was an advocate for his clients and worked tirelessly for those less fortunate than him. He enjoyed complaining, playing flawless sheephead, and spending time with his dog, Charlie.

Jeffrey D. Berlin

1952-2019

Berlin, Jeffrey D. August 16, 2019, age 67 years, of Cedarburg. Beloved father of Samantha Berlin and Jennifer Berlin. Dear brother of Randee (Marty) Matsoff, the late Gayle Riches, and Shelley (Todd) Parrish. Loving grandfather of Eli James Berlin. Also survived by close friend Gary Rattner. Further survived by other relatives and friends.

Michael E. Donovan

1952-2006

Born in Olean, N.Y., he has lived in Monmouth County for 23 years. He was the president and founder of Donovan & Associates PC, a law firm in Holmdel. Mr. Donovan was a member of New Jersey Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Olean, N.Y., and a benefactor of Benedictine School for Children, Ridgely, Md. Mr. Donovan graduated from Archbishop Walsh High School, Olean, N.Y., the University of Rochester in 1975, and Marquette University Law School, where he earned his law degree and graduated second in his class. He was a parishioner of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Colts Neck. He was predeceased by his father, Michael Edward Donovan. He was a loving and generous father and husband, and he will be missed by all.

Eugene O. Duffy

1948-2006

Duffy, Eugene O. "Gene" Of Brookfield, born in Bronx, New York, died peacefully at home after a courageous battle with cancer on November 7, 2006, at the age of 57 years. Gene earned his bachelor's, master's, and law degrees at Marquette University and was an adjunct faculty member in the Executive M.B.A. and M.B.A. programs in the Marquette College of Business Administration. Gene went on to earn a master's of law in taxation at John Marshall Law School in Chicago in 1983. He was a shareholder of O'Neil Cannon Hollman DeJong, SC, in Milwaukee. Gene was a decorated combat veteran and recipient of the U.S. Navy Law Education Program Scholarship. He served as a member of the Judge Advocate General Corps of the U.S. Navy from 1978-82. He was named Wisconsin Super Lawyer-Tax in 2005 and in 1995 was included in Milwaukee Magazine's Best Lawyers feature. In 2006 he received the Marquette Law School Alumnus of the Year award. Gene was an active member of the community who had served on the boards of Divine Savior Holy Angels High School; St. John Vianney Catholic School; St. John Vianney Parish committees; Sisters of Divine Savior Sponsorship Corp.; the Marquette University Alumni Association; and the Marquette University Law School Alumni Board, including a term as president.

Mary A. Evans

1942-2018



Mary was a beautiful, generous person who loved animals one and all. Raised in Milwaukee she attended University of Wisconsin and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in 1963. Mary found an immediate passion for TV broadcasting and started as a weather forecaster on the local TV station but soon spread her wings to an on-air anchor for a metro Boston television station. Her ongoing interest then and for several years was the Kennedy clan. She would have many personal interviews and interactions with the Kennedy family in her role as a news correspondent. She developed an interest in the legal profession and returned to Wisconsin to attend Marquette University, was awarded a Juris Doctor and began a new career. Initially she worked for Blue Cross of Wisconsin as an attorney in the claims staff and then as Executive Attorney for Journal Communications. She met and married Edward Evans and lived in Mequon until retiring in 2000. Mary loved Golden Retrievers and had nine generations in total. She and Ed would travel, show and compete nationally in dog shows, eventually receiving an OTCH award achievement for their pup, Sunny. They relocated to Marshall, NC and after Edward's passing in 2006, she met her dear companion, Al Seyforth, and they were inseparable for the past twelve years. Mary and Al moved to sunny New Smyrna Beach, Florida, and as reclining years approached Mary still enjoyed those funny, energetic Golden Retriever pups again and again.

Stephen P. Forrest

1946-2021



Stephen graduated from St. Louis University High School in 1964 and received his undergraduate degree in 1968 from the University of Notre Dame. He attended Arizona State University for graduate work and served in the United States Army as an English teacher. In 1978, he graduated from Marquette University Law School. In 1980, he moved to Phoenix eventually becoming a partner in two different law firms. He was admitted to the Wisconsin Bar (1978), Arizona Bar (1980), and the US Supreme Court Bar (1987). Through his work, Paul was an ardent advocate for Arizona physicians and nurses with his passionate defense of medical professionals being well known across the state. Over his career, he mentored and influenced numerous young attorneys as they entered the practice of law. Paul was an avid golfer, playing courses around the United States and Scotland for fun and as a part of charity tournaments. He loved to ride his bike, and he participated in numerous century road races in Arizona and Southern California. He was a member of St Paul's Roman Catholic Church where he helped other members attend mass each day. He will be remembered for his devotion to family, guiding his son, nieces and nephews through the many challenges of life. Few things made Paul happier than seeing others have fun. He will be remembered as a devoted friend and by his favorite phrase, "Living the Dream."

Patrick R. Griffin

1953-2013

Pat was a lifelong resident of West Bend. He graduated from Notre Dame with high honors in 1975 and after graduating as an academic scholar from Marquette Law School, he began practicing law and continued in the profession he loved until the day he passed away. Pat was a member of the Wisconsin Academy of Trial Lawyers, the Washington County Bar Association, the American Trial Lawyers Association and a past member of the West Bend Noon Rotary Club. Pat was proud of his Irish heritage. He carried everything meaningful to him close to his heart. He was a huge fan of both Notre Dame and Marquette. It was suspected that he bled blue and gold. Pat met the love of his life, Lin Furger in 1986. They married in 1990 and had 2 sons. Pat took great pride in the accomplishment, intelligence and most of all the character of his teenage boys, Jim and Cole. Pat was the devoted son of Norbert "Coley" and Ann (nee Snyder) Griffin. He was preceded in death by his parents. Pat also lost his dear brothers and best friends Kevin and Mike Griffin too early in life. Their loss took a great toll on him. The family finds peace in the thought of them all being reunited. Pat had just celebrated his 60th birthday with his family. Pat was known for his generosity. They will cherish their final day together as a family and be grateful for that last gift.

Joan M. O'Brien

Jeffrey A. Ramm

1951-2009

Ramm, Jeffrey A. Of Nashotah, died suddenly on Wednesday, October 14, 2009. Survived by his wife Mary Claire, children Lauren, Meredith, Alexander and Nathaniel and siblings Arlene (Andy Sperandeo) Ramm and Bruce (Mara Lee) Ramm.

Paul J. Scoptur

1953-2018



We all have a story, and here is Paul's. Paul was a Tosa boy. He began Tosa life on 84th Street with adoptive Greek parents James and Mary. He graduated from UW-Milwaukee and Marquette University Law School. For 30 years, Paul was a trial lawyer representing plaintiffs. He was on the board of directors of the Wisconsin Association for Justice and was a trustee and past co-chair of the National College of Advocacy Board of Trustees. Paul was one of the Best Lawyers In America and one of Wisconsin's top 50 Super Lawyers. He was a Diplomat of the NCA and was one of the first lawyers to complete the Advanced Studies in Trial Advocacy curriculum. Paul served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Marquette University Law School. He also became a frequent lecturer to practicing lawyers around the U.S. and Canada. His most unusual legal accomplishment was being awarded honorary Newfoundland citizenship by the Canadian trial lawyers through a "Screech-in" ceremony. He kissed the cod like he belonged there. But, first and foremost, Paul was a family man. Paul met his wife Christina in law school and won her over with a necklace made of paperclips. They married four years later and celebrated their 36th anniversary last November. The arrival of his four children, James, Katherine, Mark and Alexandra, were the marvels of his life. He fully embraced parenthood, Paul just enjoyed passing on what he has learned in life to his children, whether it was words of wisdom from Homer Simpson, reflecting on a life experience of his own or helping them see their situation in a new light after extensive questioning (he couldn't forgo a chance to depose his own children!). And finally, Paul found joy and amazement in his grandchildren Evelyn, Charlotte, Madeline, Owen and Benjamin, and was thrilled to introduce them to the deliciousness of freezer treats, now known in our household as "Boppa" treats.

Edmond J. Vaklyes

1953-2013



Ned was a 1975 graduate of the University of Illinois where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. On July 23, 1977, Ned was united in marriage to the former Karen E. Iwersen. He attended Marquette University Law School, graduating in 1978. Ned was admitted to the Wisconsin Bar Association in May of 1978 and immediately began practicing law with John Buckley in the Associated Bank building on Sunset Drive. Over the years he practiced law with many other attorneys until he joined Congdon, Ward, and Walden as a partner. In 2000 the firm changed to Walden, Schuster and Vaklyes where he has been a partner there until the present. Ned was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin. He was also a member of the Waukesha County Bar Association. Ned loved the outdoors, especially fishing, boating, scuba diving, grilling out, and parties at the lake cottage.

James F. Westfahl