



Honorable Anthony Cardona

January 24, 1941 - December 4, 2011

Albany-The Honorable Anthony Victor Cardona, 70, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Third Department of the New York State Unified Court System died Sunday, December 4, 2011 at St. Peter's Hospital surrounded by his loving family. Born in Albany, he was the son of the late Victor and Dora Sgroi Cardona.

Tony was a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy '58, Manhattan College '62 and Albany Law School '70. He served in the United States Navy as a Naval Officer from 1963 - 1967 and completed a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a private practitioner from 1971-1984 with the law firm of Ainsworth, Sullivan, Tracy and Knauf, Esqs. During that time he also served as a law guardian representing children in Albany County Family Court. Tony held part-time positions as an Assistant Public Defender for Albany County and as Coeymans Town Attorney.

In 1984, Tony was elected to the Albany County Family Court. During 1992-1993, he served as Administrative Judge of the seven-county Third Judicial District. On September 8, 1993 Tony was appointed to the Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department. He had been the Presiding Justice of that Court since January 1, 1994 and served as a member of the Administrative Board of the Courts until his passing.

From 2002-2003 Tony served as President of the Council of Chief Judges of the National Center of State Courts. He also co-chaired the Family Violence Task Force from 1994-2004. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Albany Law School. Tony was a member of the New York State Supreme Court Justices Association, the New York State Bar Association, Albany County Bar Association and the Upstate New York Chapter of the National Italian-American Bar Association.

He was the beloved husband of Aline C. Stehle Cardona; dear father of Elizabeth Keller (John), Anthony V. Cardona Jr, David Cardona (Kimberly), Brian Cardona (Meghan); loving grandfather of Sam, Nick and Ben, Madeleine, David and Dominick; brother of Jennie Cascio, Victoria Faicco, Victor Cardona and Rita Wilson; survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and colleagues.

Tony loved life, he loved people, and he loved spending time doing for others. His grandchildren were the light of his life and being a part of their lives meant everything to him. He was a man of tradition who treasured birthdays, holidays, and Sunday dinners. An avid fisherman, a so-so golfer and a Giants fan all required his never-ending positive attitude. Tony touched the lives of so many people and had a tremendous respect for everyone he met.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff who provided such wonderful care to Tony throughout his illness.

Funeral services Friday, December 9, 2011 at 10:00 am at the Historic Church of St. Mary on Capitol Hill where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Thursday, December 8, 2011 3:00 to 7:00 pm at the Parish of Mater Christi (formerly St. Catherine of Siena Church).

Interment St. Agnes Cemetery. Those wishing to remember Judge Cardona and his family in a special way may send a contribution to Friends of The Albany County Family Court Children's Center, PO Box 1944, Latham, NY 12110.

To leave the family a special message on their guest book, obtain a prayer card or directions, or share an E-card or photo with them, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)
Albany, NY 12208

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Honorable Anthony Cardona*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - December 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Honorable Anthony Cardona*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Querido Familia Cardona-
It was a great honor knowing your father and husband during my college years. Mr. C was a gentle, kind and compassionate father, husband and treated people with respect. Dave and I had the privilege of meeting his extended familia in Italy one summer and really understood the value of family and tradition he held sacred for all of you. God Bless you during this holiday season and know that they're are many people holding you all in their thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jennifer Obstarczyk Krause##imported-end##*

December 23, 2011 at 02:21 AM



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December 23, 2011 at 02:19 AM



“ Dear David, We are so sorry to hear of your Dad's passed. I was notified by Alice Terwillegar this a.m. of Your Families Loss. Please, know that our thoughts & prayers are with you during this time. I see where you get your talents and looks. Your Father has drawn a get path for you. May God Bless You David, Your Mother and All of the Cardona Family. Peace To All, Joanne Pietrocola & Jessica "Ruth" Summers##imported-begin##Joanne M. Pietrocola##imported-end##

December 16, 2011 at 09:07 PM



“ Tony is 9 years older than me and that was a lot when I was starting out. He helped me with a big case I had in 1980. I am sure he talked about it - our client was Dolores P. We just clicked. Then as the trial was to begin he went to Family Court. I remember how we walked in Delmar together on his door to door Family Court campaign and how people just warmed to him. I don't know why nice, good, solid people are taken from us and others of a dark character live on. You are all so fortunate to have had Tony as part of your lives and from what I understand he felt the same way.##imported-begin##David Siegal##imported-end##

December 11, 2011 at 07:21 PM



“ Aline,
We are so sorry to hear about Tony. The memory video is a great testament of a man who loved his family and life. you both were great neighbors. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Philip (Butch) & Suzanne Ives##imported-end##

December 11, 2011 at 01:06 PM



“ Our sincerest condolences.##imported-begin##The Dembling Family##imported-end##

December 10, 2011 at 06:21 PM



“ We would like to express our deepest condolences to the Cardona family. We were extremely saddened to hear of your loss. Katie & Bob Biggerstaff, Laura Biggerstaff, and Rebecca Biggerstaff###imported-begin###Rebecca Biggerstaff###imported-end###

December 10, 2011 at 12:31 PM



“ Dear Aline and Family:
We are so sorry to hear about Tony's passing. Bob was always so fond of Tony and we still remember and treasure the time you shared with us at our wedding 18 years ago. Please accept our deepest sympathies.
With Love,
Bob and Regina Cashin###imported-begin###Bob and Regina Cashin###imported-end###

December 09, 2011 at 02:23 PM



“ As counsel to the Chief Judge's Family Violence Task Force, which Judge Cardona co-chaired during its first decade, I cannot overstate Judge Cardona's enormous contributions. He was an inspiration and a driving force for the Task Force and was a pleasure to work with --warm, generous, committed and always insightful. We all miss him greatly.###imported-begin###Janet Fink###imported-end###

December 09, 2011 at 01:41 PM



“ Dear Aline and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my prayers. With Love, Rita###imported-begin###Rita Valenti###imported-end###

December 09, 2011 at 11:30 AM



“ I was privileged to know Judge Cardona through my work in the administrative offices of OCA. He and Aline hosted a dinner for Administrative Judges in their home and in the true style of the Cardonas we ended up in the kitchen, always the heart of their home. I will always remember his warmth and good humor. I am grateful for having known him. My sincere condolences to Aline and the Cardona family.##imported-begin##Patricia Keefe##imported-end##

December 09, 2011 at 08:30 AM



“ Dave-

You and your family will be in our prayers. Your dad was a well liked man by all and always put family first. He will be missed by all.

Chris and Family##imported-begin##Christopher M. DeVall and Family##imported-end##

December 08, 2011 at 09:42 PM



“ I am so saddened at the passing of Judge Cardona. Aline, may the beautiful memories that you shared with this wonderful man sustain you through the difficult days ahead. My heart and prayers are with you and your family. I know that I will always remember my boss with kindness and respect. I truly adored him. May he now rest in peace in Heaven. God speed, Judge Cardona. You will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Cathy Pettigrew##imported-end##

December 08, 2011 at 07:18 PM



“ We were out of town and very saddened to hear the news about Judge Cardona. He was a great man, who loved his family and his family loved him in return. He will be missed by all who knew him. Please accept our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Robert and Helen Salamone##imported-end##

December 08, 2011 at 03:51 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God bless you and may he help you through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Carol Peters##imported-end##

December 08, 2011 at 03:23 PM



“ Thank you Judge Cardona for giving me a chance and making me part of the amazing Appellate family. You will be missed and thought of often. Tell my dad I said hello. My best to the Cardona family in your tough times.##imported-begin##Derek J. Bush##imported-end##

December 08, 2011 at 03:13 PM



“ To the Cardona family, we are sorry for your loss. We knew Anthony as a young boy helping out in the Cardona store. He always made a point of saying hello to us when he came to any functions at the WAIBS club. We will miss him. He will be in our thoughts and prayers

Marie and Tony Forenzo##imported-begin##Marie Forenzo##imported-end##

December 08, 2011 at 02:54 PM



“ On behalf of the Christian Brothers, the Boards, the staff and the countless children and families served by LaSalle School, I extend my sincere condolences to the Cardona family. The Judge always understood the purpose of Family Court, or any court, and was true guardian for children at their most vulnerable moments. His example will remain the standard for firmness and compassion. May God bless his family always. Bill Wolff. Executive Director

December 08, 2011 at 02:29 PM



“ Please add my sincere condolences to the Cardona family for the loss of a great, great person and a true friend of mine. Our loss is God's gain. I wish God could have waited a little longer. Al Purello

December 08, 2011 at 12:05 PM



“ Tony Cardona was a fine man, a great lawyer, a well-respected judge - and someone I considered a good friend.

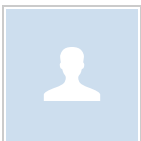
My sincere sympathy to the Cardona family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. He will be sorely missed.

December 08, 2011 at 10:57 AM



“ *Aline,*
We are so sorry to hear of Tony's passing. Our condolences to you and your family.
Sincerly,
Peggy Dale Aaron & AJ Houghtaling
Feura Bush,NY###imported-begin###peggy houghtaling###imported-end##

December 08, 2011 at 10:42 AM



“ *Aline and Family - Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss of a wonderful Husband, Father, Grandfather and Friend. Tony will be truly missed by all. And, he wasn't that "bad" of a golfer. He truly enjoyed the game and the comradery. May HE rest in peace with his Lord, and may GOD bless you all.###imported-begin###Mike & Barb Hodom###imported-end##*

December 08, 2011 at 10:02 AM



“ *To the entire Cardona family,*

So many memories, so many wonderful times together, watching our children grow up. We are so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful human being, devoted husband, father and grandfather and wonderful friend and neighbor. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Much love from all of us,
Judy, Dick, Todd, Heather, Wendy, Greg and all the children###imported-begin###Judy & Dick Wright###imported-end##

December 08, 2011 at 08:24 AM



“ Alene, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. We only met Tony a few times, but Steve, the girls, and I always enjoyed our visits. xo###imported-begin##Steve and Carthy Jacobi###imported-end##

December 07, 2011 at 08:48 PM



“ Anthony was a pleasure to be with when we were growing up. Grand Street was never the same without him. Sunday afternoons at the Cardona camp in Nassau was the highlight of my childhood. These memories will always remain with me. So many hearts will miss him. We will not cry because Anthony is gone. We will smile because he was here. My prayers are with his family.###imported-begin##Tony Dronchi###imported-end##

December 07, 2011 at 08:04 PM



“ I never knew anyone who was more loved and respected by more people than Judge Cardona. In fact, everything I've ever heard by anyone who said anything about Judge Cardona was how wonderful and decent and admirable he was. He was an absolute treasure. If there is a Creator, He certainly got it right with Judge Cardona.###imported-begin##Vincent M. Bonventre###imported-end##

December 07, 2011 at 06:50 PM



“ Judge Cardona was a loving and caring individual. My family and I are blessed in so many ways that our paths crossed in life. He will forever live in our hearts. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

With love,
Tom, Heidi, Lindsey and Michael DeBerry##imported-begin##Tom
DeBerry & Family##imported-end##

December 07, 2011 at 05:04 PM



“ REMEMBER YOUR DAD FROM JUNIOR HIGH, I WAS FROM ST. JOHNS RENSSELAER AND WE PLAYED AT LINCOLN PARK. HE TOOK ME BACK TO THE STORE FOR A SODA. CONDOLANCES TO THE FAMILY##imported-begin##GERALD A. O'NEIL##imported-end##

December 07, 2011 at 04:04 PM



“ To the Cardona family:
Judge Cardona's incredible sense of caring influenced me profoundly. While on the Albany County Family Court bench he visited us at Parsons Child and Family Center for a tour. Upon encountering a boy he had placed with us, he stuck out his hand saying "It's me Judge Cardona, how they treating you here?". Another time, late on a Friday afternoon, he called a number of us to his chambers to inquire why, what seemed so logical and simple to him, was not so easily accomplished within the "system". I was so moved last January when he presided over the ceremony admitting over 700 new attorneys to the NYS Bar, my daughter among them. He directed the music and the festivities, so excited for the newly minted lawyers as he recounted his own early days. Shortly after his illness was announced. I so regret that I did not have an opportunity to thank him for being such a shining example of all that's good in a human being. May your many memories of this giant of a man sustain you.##imported-begin##Debbie Singer ##imported-end##

December 07, 2011 at 12:58 PM



“ In addition to being my friend Tony was my mentor. We were Democratic co-commitemen in Delmar , He appointed me to do pro bono criminal appeals, We had lunch together with Jerry Manning and Brian Gallaher. I will miss him. I am making a contribution to the Family Court Children's Center on his behalf

Ws McConville##imported-begin##Ed McConville##imported-end##

December 07, 2011 at 10:34 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy to you and your family. My thoughts are with you all and you are in my prayers. Connie Burns*##imported-begin##*Connie Burns*##imported-end##

December 07, 2011 at 08:23 AM



“ *Aline and family, our deepest thoughts and prayers are with you in this very difficult time. God bless all of you.*##imported-begin##*Ray and Debbie Andi*##imported-end##

December 07, 2011 at 06:57 AM



“ *Aline and family: Mary and I are so sad at the passing of our dear friend and brother Tony. Our deepest regrets go out to all of you. We shared a lot of laughs and good times at the IBS functions. So many times were both of you sitting next to us at the Columbus Day dinners and breaking bread with us. I also had the privelege of working for the P.J. for almost 15 years in the twilight of my career. He will be so missed in the courtroom. In closing, our thoughts and prayers will continue for all of you for many years to come. God bless you. We love you.*##imported-begin##*Sal & Mary D'Amore*##imported-end##

December 07, 2011 at 06:53 AM



“ On behalf of the Childs family, please know of our heartfelt condolences and profound sympathy at this time of loss. Be assured of my prayers for you at this difficult time. Judge Cardonna was a kind, good and Faith-filled man and was a true credit to his profession. May the Lord shower His tender love upon you and grant you peace and solace in the days to come. God Bless. Father Tony Childs##imported-begin##Reverend Guy A. Childs##imported-end##

December 07, 2011 at 12:09 AM



“ I wanted to say how thankful I am of Judge Cardona for being so kind to my father, Judge John T. (Jack) Casey through the years. For this I am truly grateful.
Our family extends to you our deepest sympathy.
Colleen Casey Atkinson
Orangeburg, S.C.##imported-begin##Colleen Casey Atkinson##imported-end##

December 06, 2011 at 07:15 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. The Court system has suffered a great loss as well. We were blessed to have Judge Cardona as a member of our family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Karen Hand##imported-end##

December 06, 2011 at 01:38 PM



“ My thoughts are with you during these difficult times. It was a privilege to have known the Judge from a personal and from a professional perspective.
On the other hand, it won't surprise me if he's having a few laughs again with Stan Rosen.##imported-begin##Richard A. Hanft, Esq.##imported-end##

December 06, 2011 at 11:59 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Cardona Family. May you cherish all the fond memories and my thoughts and prayers are will all of you.##imported-begin##Ann DiStefano##imported-end##

December 06, 2011 at 10:37 AM



“ I first met "The Judge" during his tenure in Albany Family Court.Immediately I was struck by not only his command of the court but by his amazing compassion and ability to quickly determine right from wrong.In a day where so many are not,Anthony Cardona was born to be a Justice.
Through that meeting,I was blessed to know him as a friend.I will always remember how excited he was when he saw somebody he knew.Whether on the golf course or at the grocery store,he was always so sincerely interested in how i was doing and wanted an update on my family.Simple put,Tony Cardona changed my life and he will never ever be forgotten.Our prayers are with the family and everybody that loved him....Char and Jeff Sperber##imported-begin##Jeffrey Sperber##imported-end##

December 06, 2011 at 09:12 AM



“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to your family. Not only was Tony a good Husband and Father but a good friend to me and so many others. He will be remembered fondly by so many. Tony will always be in my thoughts and prayers. C6C##imported-begin##Paul E. Scaringe##imported-end##

December 05, 2011 at 09:30 PM



“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of a great man, role model and someone I was honored to call my friend. Judge Cardona always made everyone feel like family. Always humble about all he accomplished, he never once in all the years referred to himself to me as Judge Cardona. Any time he called, he always said "Tony, Tony Cardona here..." Ever proud of our heritage and his family, his presence at the Columbus Parade always made it special. I will forever miss his coming up and giving a big hug and kiss. My fondest memory will be of us singing "Oi Marie" together with Joe and Tony. To you Mrs. Cardona, Tony, David, Brian and Elizabeth I cannot express enough my heartfelt sympathy for he was one of a kind and so beloved. May he rest in the warmth and peace he always shared with others.##imported-begin##Tony Commisso & family##imported-end##

December 05, 2011 at 05:00 PM



“ My sincere sympathy to the Cardona family. I loved Judge Cardona and felt like part of his Appellate family while I worked for MHLS. I will never forget how he made time in his very busy schedule to attend my retirement party and when he walked into the room he came right over to me and gave me a long and loving hug. I will never forget him. God Bless you all and my prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Carol Ciccarelli##imported-end##

December 05, 2011 at 03:00 PM



“ *Our hearts and prayers go to Aline and the Cardona Family. God Bless##imported-begin##Lois & William Liporace##imported-end##*

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