



Hon. Howard Charles Nolan Jr

August 24, 1932 - June 17, 2023

Fort Lauderdale, Florida – Senator Howard Charles Nolan Jr., 90, was born into Eternal Life on Saturday, June 17th, 2023 with his loving wife, Shannon, by his side. Born in Albany, he was the son of the late Howard C. Nolan Sr. and Helen (Burke) Nolan. Howard was married to his loving wife Shannon for 35 years.

He was the loving father of Anne Davies, Kathy Nolan, Debbie Murray (Jim), Robert Nolan (Suzanne), Donna Nolan, Lynn Hyde and Karen Cummings (Rob); cherished grandfather of Anthony Battaglia, Kara Battaglia and Nicole Battaglia; Joseph Nolan (Xanthi), Kevin Nolan and Kelly Nolan; Paige Hyde and Ashley Hyde; Nolan Cummings and Lauryn Cummings; great grandfather of Anna Nolan; brother of Marybeth Collins (Michael); son-in-law to Ruth McAuley Logan; brother-in-law to Shasta Logan Brander (Tom), Mary Logan, and Marcia Logan Goodgame (Dan); many nieces and nephews survive him. Howard was predeceased by his beloved granddaughter Christine Davies and former wife Geraldine Nolan.

As a lifelong resident of Albany, Howard co-founded the law firm Nolan & Heller, LLP more than 50 years ago. He was elected to the State Senate in 1974, and served the 42nd District in Albany County for 20 years. He had served on various boards, including President of the New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc., on the Board of Trustees for St. Peter's Hospital, and on the

Board of Directors for the State of New York Mortgage Agency, the Community Foundation for the Capital Region and WMHT. He had also served as Chairman of the Cerebral Palsy Center for the Disabled Foundation Board, the Knights of Columbus, The Ancient Order of the Hibernians, the Albany Chamber of Commerce, and Breeders' Cup Ltd. Howard graduated from Christian Brothers Academy in 1950, The College of the Holy Cross in 1954 and Albany Law School of Union University in 1957.

Howard was a proud member of the US Marine Corps and could often be heard telling stories of his time in Camp Lejeune and Quantico, VA. He was an avid sports fan having had season tickets to the New England Patriots and the New York Jets for years. As a Notre Dame fanatic, he enthusiastically watched all of their football games. In addition, playing tennis and golf at Schuyler Meadows CC and Wolferts Roost CC in Albany and Coral Ridge CC in Ft.Lauderdale gave him great pleasure, as they fueled his competitive nature and his love to socialize with his friends and family. Thoroughbred horse racing and breeding was another one of his passions as he participated under the name, Blue Sky Farm, through several farms that he operated over the course of his lifetime. He especially loved Saratoga Race Course where he could be found sitting in his box every day during the meet. His recollection of pedigrees was nothing short of amazing as he could rattle off the stats of champions from fifty years ago. Howard's inspiration, along with the cooperation of the NYS Department of Corrections prompted the creation of the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation in Wallkill, NY which provides opportunities for incarcerated men and women to help care for retired racehorses giving both a chance to change the course of their lives.

The Nolans were always on the go, traveling to France, Italy and Argentina quite often to collect art, sip wine, and to visit museums and flea markets. He was an avid reader who, consistently would read seven newspapers a day as well as countless historical novels. It was common knowledge that he considered NYC as the greatest city in the world even though some of his

French friends would respectfully disagree, loyal of course, to their beloved Paris. A foodie, he would faithfully read the New York Times on Fridays looking for new restaurants which had only been open a month and took great delight in discovering unknown gems. He was an eternal optimist who always had a smile on his face and a kind word to say.

He loved attending his grandchildren's sporting events and having his family visit him in Florida where he always had a fun event planned like deep sea fishing or taking a water taxi on the Intracoastal Waterway. He loved entertaining his grandkids by taking them on trips to the zoo, aquarium and amusement parks or just playing with them in the pool.

He was the best father and grandfather and we are truly blessed to have him for as long as we did.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Howard's caring aide Donovan Bebasee.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Senator Nolan's family Sunday, June 25, 2023 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services Monday, June 26, 2023 at 10:30 am at St. Pius X Church, Loudonville, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. The Mass can be viewed at

<https://www.stpiusxloudonville.org/new-live-videos/>

The Rite of Committal will be held at a later date at Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery with military honors.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Those wishing to remember Howard and his family in a special way, in lieu of flowers, may send a contribution in Howard's name to either The Center for the Disability Services located at 314 South Manning Blvd., Albany, NY 12208 or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Northeast, PO Box 22324, New York, NY 10087

Cemetery Details

Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery

200 Duell Road
Schuylerville, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Service

JUN **26**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Church
23 Crumitie Rd
Loudonville, NY 12211
(518) 462-1336

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Hon. Howard Charles Nolan Jr*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - June 23, 2023 at 11:08 AM



“ *Hon. Howard Charles Nolan Jr*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hon. Howard Charles Nolan Jr.*



June 23, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ 171 files added to the album LifeTributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - June 23, 2023 at 11:06 AM

PK

“ My condolences to the entire family. Lynn and Karen, I'm sorry for the loss of your father. I have many fond memories of the fun we had together in the "good old days" and the parties you would host at the family home. Sending you best wishes. Paul Kearnan

Paul Kearnan - June 23, 2023 at 06:55 AM

RB

“ Never forget our first meeting in the basement in Lee Aronawicz's house planning strategy for your first run for the senate. never missed a campaign in 20 years. You were most helpful and supportive of the Barrett family by making me commissioner of Parks and recreation for the city of Albany , lobbying your law partner Tom Whalen. I will remember most clearly your warmth and care, even attending my Wife's funeral. May your souls rest with the soul of God. Richard Barrett

Richard Barrett - June 22, 2023 at 08:13 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Hon. Howard Charles Nolan Jr.*



June 22, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ *My condolences to the Nolan and Collins families on the loss of Howard. May your faith in G-D, Family and Friends get you through this most difficukt time.*
Howard Cohen

Howard Cohen - June 22, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ *Dear family,
so sorry for your loss
I remember your dad and mom so well as my son Joe DeSantis,
Michele DeSantis Giovannettone, and Toni DeSantis Barrett went to
Miss Carol's school of dance
Helen DeSantis Graves*

Helen K Graves - June 22, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ *Lynn, Paige and Ashley,
So very sorry for your family's loss! Find comfort in knowing how
well loved and respected he was in his community and in life! You
are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Lynn Rundle*

Lynn Rundle - June 21, 2023 at 03:17 PM

MH

“ *My condolences to the Nolan Family. Mary Dotd Hammond*

mary dotd hammond - June 21, 2023 at 02:49 PM