



Jean E. Nelson II

March 26, 1952 - February 5, 2024

Voorheesville, NY-On February 5, 2024, Jean E. Nelson II peacefully passed away at his home in Voorheesville surrounded by his loving family: wife Mary; sons Joseph, Jeffrey (Ashlynn), and Christopher; and sister Marianne (Holly). He is also survived by his dear brother Michael. Jean was raised in Simsbury, CT by the late Jean E. Nelson and Mary Janco Nelson. A graduate of Dartmouth College and Albany Law School, he was employed by the New York State Bar Association for nearly 38 years, where he forged close friendships with many fellow staff and Association members. However, Jean's greatest passion in life was being a good husband and father.

In his personal life, Jean was an enthusiastic gardener and an avid hiker of remote Adirondack Mountain trails and a voracious reader of historical novels and spy thrillers. For several years in retirement, he was a volunteer for Community Caregivers of Guilderland, driving clients for medical appointments and various errands.

Jean and his family send deeply heartfelt thanks to the medical staff at both NYOH and St. Peter's Hospital for their outstanding professionalism, tender care, and constant thoughtfulness. You truly are angels!

Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, Jean humbly requests that contributions be made to the New York Bar Foundation (tnybf.org).

To leave a message for the family, please visit McVeighFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Tribute Wall

JA

“ I've known Jean since he joined the State Bar in the 1970's, and I can't say enough good things about him. Jean was not only an excellent attorney, and a totally professional and capable staff member, but he was also just a great person. His warm personality, ready smile and fine sense of humor made him someone any of us were happy to be around. Jean treated everyone with courtesy and respect, and was a careful listener, qualities which are becoming increasingly rare these days. Jean had a solid sense of priorities, which also made him a wonderful husband and father -- he always made time for family and their activities; not an easy task when their three sons were growing up.

My wife Bernadette joins me in expressing our deepest condolences to Mary and to sons Joseph, Jeffrey and Christopher, and to the rest of the Nelson family. Jean will be missed by all of us who had the pleasure of knowing him, but he has left us with so many warm memories. May he rest in peace for the exemplary life that he lived.

John A. Williamson - February 10, 2024 at 02:52 PM

CL

“ We were fortunate to have had Jean as a neighbor when we moved here almost 30 years ago. Although we didn't know Jean as others have posted, we saw his positive influence with his boys who became friends with our sons. The Jean we knew was always outside, tending to his gardens and lawns, and was always cheerful, even with the more mundane aspects of yard work. Although our paths didn't cross frequently, he was always the consummate listener and provided much insight on whatever wide range of topics we discussed, be it landscape related or politics. Our hearts go out to Jean and his family. Rest in peace Jean.

Charles LaGattuta - February 10, 2024 at 08:49 AM

SS

“ Jean was one of the first people I met after I started at NYSBA nearly a decade ago. His Coordinator Carol trained me, so I worked side by side next to Carol and Jean was in his office behind her. His absolutely gentleman manner and kind soul was beyond apparent. He was never judgmental, whether you were a seasoned attorney at NYSBA, or a new staff member fumbling your way through the day. His absolutely dead-pan sense of humor made me laugh many times when a random comment would come out of his office and he had Carol and myself laughing in stitches many times. We have lost a true gentleman, who loved NYSBA, which is obvious that in lieu of flowers, he is asking for donations to the NYSBA Foundation. What a class act.

Simone Smith

Simone Smith - February 08, 2024 at 04:50 PM

CB

“ My most vivid memory of Jean was on our boat at the Jersey shore. We had such a good time with Mary, Jean and the 3 boys. What a wonderful family. He was such a loving father and husband.

Cousin Barbara - February 08, 2024 at 02:47 PM

CE

“ I was very sad to hear of the passing of my good friend and fellow Dartmouth alum. Jean was my introduction to NYSBA only a few months after I graduated law school in 1980 -- he got me involved writing books and hosting Continuing Legal Education programs for the Association which I have been doing for 43+ years now. He was a true gentleman of the "old school", a gracious and patient editor, and a pillar of support for the legal community in New York. I will miss him greatly.

Cliff Ennico - February 08, 2024 at 11:48 AM

CR

“*Mary, Joe, Jeff, Chris, Mimi, Michael -
Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of Jean.
I don't have to tell you what a great guy he was but I will say that he
was
the most respected, highly thought of person I have ever met. Didn't
matter where one fell on the corporate ladder, Jean could hang with
anyone and gain their esteem. Colleagues were delighted to work
with him. He did things the right way. He was a man of integrity. His
unique, dry sense of humor made him that much more pleasant to
work with!
I was lucky in life to have such a nice boss for 35 plus years! Any
business
acumen I have I learned from Jean. He always knew the right thing
to say or how to handle any situation. He was our "go to" person.
I will be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers in the day ahead.
Carol Reilly*

Carol Reilly - February 08, 2024 at 10:54 AM

RF

“*My heartfelt condolences to Mary and the family on the passing of
Jean. I know his family was the most important thing in his life and
their love was the center of his life. I knew Jean professionally. He
was a center of the NYSBA CLE Program bringing quality programs
to its members and raising the standard of their legal practices. It
was an honor to work with him. And it also was a pleasure. Our
yearly meetings in Saratoga resulted in high quality services to our
membership and Jean receives my respect and gratitude for his
contribution. And my wife time in Saratoga with my wife Fran was
always a highlight of my year - and besides being professionally
rewarding, they were fun. He and his family are in my thoughts and
prayers. We will miss him.*

Robert Freedman - February 08, 2024 at 10:23 AM

LH

“ Jean was such a great colleague we work together for many years, so even tempered and witty. He would keep such a straight face when joking with you, sometimes it was hard to tell he was joking. I was sad when he retired and even sadder now that he has passed, I can hear his voice like it was yesterday and even his laugh. In my heart forever.

Lori Herzing - February 08, 2024 at 08:25 AM

CS

“ Jean was a wonderful person and colleague. He was always willing to share and help those who asked. My condolences to his family and friends. Jean, you will be missed but forever in our hearts.

Connie Schin - February 08, 2024 at 08:05 AM

JM

“ MY condolences to family and friends. I worked with Jean for 26 years. Always a gentleman. He was well liked by all at the bar association. Rest in peace, Jean.

John McNulty - February 08, 2024 at 02:22 AM

JT

“ I had the extraordinary pleasure of working with Jean as a member of the NY State Bar Association's Continuing Legal Education. Jean was the consummate professional, a real gentleman and a joy to be with. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Sincerely,
Jonah Triebwasser
Village Justice,
Red Hook, New York

Jonah Triebwasser - February 07, 2024 at 09:48 PM

DA

“ My deepest sympathy to everyone. I got to know Jean working at NYSBA. He was such a wonderful person! He will be missed by all who knew him.

Deb Auspelmyer



Deborah Auselmyer - February 07, 2024 at 07:21 PM

KF

“ Jean was one of the best. He was such a kind-hearted person. We worked together in CLE for 15 years until he retired. That was a sad day for me, because he was not just a co-worker, he was my Buddy (as we called each other). I loved how he used big words when he explained things, and I admit, I didn't know what a lot of them even meant and had to ask. He could be so serious, but he had a good sense of humor, too. He was loved by so many at NYSBA, both staff and members. He will be greatly missed. I am honored to have called him my friend.

Kim Francis

Kim Francis - February 07, 2024 at 07:18 PM

AC

“ Jean was such a kind and understanding person. I worked with him regularly planning and presenting CLE programs for NYSBA. I was always happy to learn that he would be my liason. He was self-effacing which can be hard to find in the legal field. He was always supportive and would come up with great solutions when there was a problem. No doubt his kindness was evident at home and his loss will be deeply felt. Please accept my deepest sympathy.

Anne Reynolds Copps

Anne Reynolds Copps - February 07, 2024 at 06:40 PM

MB

I worked with Jean at NYSBS. There was never a kinder soul in the building. He was nice, he was funny, he was smart, and I wish his soul well on its next passage.

Mark Belkin - February 07, 2024 at 07:15 PM

MT

I met Jean at our church, Christ the King, where he helped in our garden ministry. Jean was so dedicated working in the church garden and was our 'master mulcher' often working on his own to get that job done, He was such a kind, gracious man and it was a pleasure to know him. He will be greatly missed. On behalf of our ministry, our prayers and deepest sympathy go to his family. Margaret Tarpinian

Margaret Tarpinian - February 08, 2024 at 10:24 AM

DM

Jean was a colleague, confidant and friend. In addition to working with Jean, he introduced me to hiking in the Adirondacks and was a great role model as a father. Condolences to Mary and family. He will be missed.

Dan McMahon

Dan McMahon - February 09, 2024 at 10:16 AM

LC

*To the Nelson Family:
I am so sorry for your loss. Jean was a wonderful man, full of integrity, good humor and kindness. He was a pleasure to work with and I consider myself lucky to have known him.*

*Sincerely,
Lyn Curtis*

Lyn Curtis - February 09, 2024 at 10:35 AM

MC

Thoughts and prayers to the Nelson Family. We are very sorry for your loss.

The Catellier Family

Mary Catellier - February 10, 2024 at 08:00 AM