



## Michael T. Wallender

April 8, 1950 - January 26, 2013

NISKAYUNA- Michael Todd Wallender, born April 8, 1950 to Kenneth and Martha Wallender, passed away on Thursday, January 24, 2013. He was a lifelong resident of Niskayuna, NY.

Mike was predeceased by his parents Kenneth and Martha Wallender; his brother David Wallender; and his wife of 25 years, Joyce Wallender. He is survived by his daughter Kristina Lee Wallender and her wife Joanna, of Seattle, WA; his son Michael David Wallender and his wife Heather, of Niskayuna, NY; his brother Steve Wallender, his wife Candice, and their children Alex (Elena) and Katherine of Houston, TX; and his long-time teammate and friend Regina Sportman, of East Greenbush, NY.

Mike graduated from Colgate University (summa cum laude) in 1972 and then Harvard Law School (cum laude) in 1975. He was an accomplished attorney in Albany for more than 35 years, specializing in litigation, labor and employment law, and most recently a partner with Couch White, LLP. Mike was also distinguished General Counsel to various REALTOR organizations, including the New York State Association of REALTORS.

Mike had a passion for the law, horse racing at Saratoga, and reading. He loved Ireland and through his annual trips there he discovered that Ireland was the beauty of its people. Mike took a special interest in the plight of the

Nationalist people of the North of Ireland, particularly the Irish Political Prisoners and their families. He was an active member of the Irish Northern Aid Committee, honored by the prestigious James Heaney Award. He has touched scores of people in Ireland with his generosity and significant contributions of time and professional expertise.

Mike was the most loyal friend you could ever ask for. He charmed us all with his keen wit, sharp mind, and profound dedication. He was a caring and giving man who always put others' happiness before his own. Mike will forever be loved and missed, but never forgotten by those that were lucky enough to know him.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, February 2, 2013 at 10:30 am at St. John the Evangelist Church, 816 Union St., Schenectady, NY 12308.

Relatives and friends are invited to call Friday, February 1, 2013 4:00 to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, 12206.

Interment Park View Cemetery.

Those wishing to remember Mike in a special way may send a contribution to the Timothy J. Murphy Foundation, C/O Patrick Donnelly, 21 Emily Drive, East Greenbush, NY 12061.

To leave the family a message on their guest book, obtain a prayer card or directions, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. John The Evangelist Church  
816 Union Street  
Schenectady, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael T. Wallender*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michael T. Wallender*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Michael Jr,  
My deepest sympathy to you and your family.  
You will be in my prayers...##imported-begin##mary  
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February 06, 2013 at 08:23 PM



“ Chère Christine,,

*Téléphone-moi si tu peux! Je voudrais bien que l'on se mette en contacte!*

*Mes donedolendes a la mort de ton père.*

*Mme Borom##imported-begin##Mme Maxine Borom##imported-end##*

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February 01, 2013 at 05:43 PM



“ *Deeply saddened to hear about the loss of Mike. My thoughts and prayers are with his children and they have my deepest sympathy. Mike has been a dear friend since we met at Colgate in 1970 and I will miss his great sense of humor, intelligence and dedication to his children, friends and alma mater. Rest in Peace my friend.##imported-begin##Sam Gentile, Chicago, IL##imported-end##*

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February 01, 2013 at 02:42 PM



“ *Mike Wallender was a very special man! It is a given that his family and close friends will miss him, but you all should know how the New York State Real Estate family so deeply appreciated his efforts and hard work on our behalf. He will always be held in high regard in our hearts and minds. He truly made us better. Thank you for sharing him with us. We will miss him too!##imported-begin##Linda J Thomas-Caster##imported-end##*

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January 31, 2013 at 07:07 PM



“ Dear Kristina - Dan and I want to express our deep condolences on the passing of your dear father. We both were just happily thinking about you and how much fun we had at the Inaugural and then a week later, so sad at the passing of your daddy. I will be attending the wake and if you need me to do anything for you during this difficult time, please do not hesitate to call. You are a treasure in our lives and we will be there for you always. Love, Dan and Diane Hart##imported-begin##Diane Hart##imported-end##

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January 31, 2013 at 02:11 PM



“ I wish to extend my condolences to all Mike's relatives. I enjoyed a very close professional relationship with Mike during his tenure at O'Connell and Aronowitz. He was not just a lawyer, but an exceptionally gifted one with remarkable insights and common sense. He was also a very sensitive and caring person whom we shall all miss.- Neil Murray##imported-begin##Neil Murray##imported-end##

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January 31, 2013 at 11:37 AM



“ Mike you will forever be missed. As 2013 President of the Long Island Board of Realtors , the Executive Committee , the Board of Directors and its 19000 members, our condolences to all the family with your loss. We will forever remember Mr. Wallender for his outstanding job as general counsel at NYSAR.##imported-begin##Moses Seuram##imported-end##

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January 31, 2013 at 08:53 AM



“ To Mike's family, you have my deepest sympathy. He was a brilliant attorney, very highly regarded by the real estate industry including those of us in the lower Hudson region. What a gentleman, too, and what a great sense of humor behind the scenes. He will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Gil Mercurio, CEO(ret), Westchester Putnam Association of Realtors##imported-end##

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January 30, 2013 at 05:05 PM



“ Sorry of the loss of a wonderful man I had the pleasure of working with on NYSAR committes for the past 20 yrs and learning from him when he updated the REALTORS on legal issues.##imported-begin##Rebecca L Jones ##imported-end##

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January 30, 2013 at 04:51 PM



“ My condolences to Mike's family. What a beautiful write up listing all of his accomplishments. I graduated with his brother, Steve, from NHS.##imported-begin##Sharon Greer##imported-end##

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January 30, 2013 at 03:25 PM



“ As an NHS and earlier years classmate of Mikes, it became our "little tradition" at the Reunions for him to buy me a drink at the bar and we would stand there and talk, just the two of us, for a short while before going off to spend time with others. I will sorely miss that this September but will toast to him for sure !! Charlotte (Toddy Heaps) Phillips##imported-begin##Charlotte (Toddy Heaps) Phillips##imported-end##

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January 30, 2013 at 03:12 PM



“ With sincere sympathy for your loss. Robert Grant is a close cousin and Michael is fondly remembered.##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Scouten##imported-end##

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January 30, 2013 at 08:53 AM



“ Dear Kristina and Mike, we are so saddened by your loss and you and your parents are in our prayers

*God bless you*

*Love, Val, Joe, Alex and Mike##imported-begin##Valerie and Joe DeLaCruz##imported-end##*

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January 29, 2013 at 09:23 PM



“ Mike was a brilliant gentleman and gentle man. He will be sorely missed. My condolences to his family.##imported-begin##Linda Bonarelli Lugo, NYSAR director##imported-end##

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January 29, 2013 at 08:32 PM



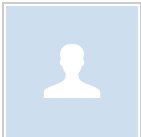
“ On behalf of the Board of Directors and Members of the Greater Binghamton Association of REALTORS, I wish to express our deepest sympathies on the passing of Mike Wallender. Many of us learned so much from him in his position as General Counsel for NYSAR, and his unique combination of sheer intellect, passion for our business, down-to-earth communication skills, and sense of humor was of unparalleled value to all.

*May the presence of family and friends, as well as the heartfelt condolences from far and wide, provide you with comfort during this difficult time.*

*-Thomas Reid, President, Greater Binghamton Association of REALTORS.##imported-begin##Tommy Reid - President, Greater Binghamton Association of REALTORS##imported-end##*

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January 29, 2013 at 05:02 PM



“ To Mike's family and special friend Regina, My sincerest sympathies and prayers go out to you all. I will always cherish his sage advice that he gave me the many times during my term. Although most of the time, serious, he had that little twinkle that let me know that I was on the right track. I share your loss.....

*Sincerely.....Don Milton##imported-begin##Don Milton, 1997 Pres--NYSAR##imported-end##*

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January 29, 2013 at 04:37 PM



“ Mike was a brilliant man who was surprisingly witty and always had a kind word; his kindness to me will always be remembered and cherished.##imported-begin##Barbara Robinson##imported-end##

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January 29, 2013 at 03:50 PM



“ Mike was a great guy, and will be missed##imported-begin##joseph  
m whittington##imported-end##

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January 29, 2013 at 03:32 PM