



Paul L. Gioia

July 26, 1942 - February 13, 2024

Loudonville, NY-Paul L. Gioia died February 13, 2024. Paul was the youngest of the four sons of Peter and Mary Gioia. He had a happy childhood growing up in Brooklyn, playing street games and going to Coney Island. After high school, Paul attended Fordham University and then Cornell Law School. He served on an ice breaker in the U.S. Coast Guard. He then joined a law firm in Manhattan after which he was appointed an Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan, where he served for five years. He then served a Special Assistant to U.S. Senator Jacon Javits. Paul then came to Albany to serve on the legal staff of Governor Rockefeller. He continued to serve as Assistant Counsel and First Assistant Counsel for Governors Wilson and Carey.

In 1982 Governor Carey appointed Paul to be chairman of the New York State Public Service Commission, where he served for six years. Paul then joined the First Albany Corporation, a regional investment firm. After that, he joined the law firm of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, later Dewey and LeBoeuf, where he served as lead counsel the New York Power Pool in the restructuring of the New York Power industry. And the creation of the New York Independent Operator (“NYISO”) and a competitive wholesale electricity market Paul then represented all of the New York electric utilities in matters related to the NYISO and the competitive electricity market.

After the death of his beloved wife Patricia, in 2016, Paul went into semi-

retirement but continued to represent the New York State Reliability Council and was pursuing a Master of Arts Degree in Philosophy at Fordham University.

Paul is survived by his brother, Salvatore, and numerous nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews.

Funeral services Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 11:00 am at St. Mary of the Angels Chapel at Siena College, 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville, NY 12211 where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, 2501 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Niskayuna, NY 12309 immediately following the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, please select a charity of your choice in the name of Paul L. Gioia.

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

Cemetery Details

Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery

2501 Troy Road
Niskayuna, NY

Previous Events

Service

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of the Angels Chapel at Siena University
515 Loudon Road
Loudonville, NY 12211
(518) 783-2300
<http://Siena.Edu>

Tribute Wall

DW

“ As a utility executive in NYS I worked many, many hours with Paul. I worked with him on the team that developed the NYS Independent System Operator. Paul was a true friend and we have stayed in touch over all these years, even though I have been retired 20 years. It was such a pleasure to work with Paul. Truly a great friend!

Denis Wickham - February 17, 2024 at 06:40 PM

CS

In September of 1980 this kind & brilliant man hired me for reasons only God, St Patrick et al understand. His first lessons to this painfully green 24 year old were:

- 1. Don't overreact*
- 2. Do your homework, carefully*
- 3. Do the right thing, no matter how painful or difficult.*

I survived serving the NYS Executive Chamber for 43 years.

And, green as I was at the time, I instinctively knew Paul Gioia would & did change my life.

And, that level of excellence, dedication & thoughtfulness that Paul taught me, I in tern passed on to my daughters.

And I credit some of their brilliant professional success to, PLG.

In gratitude, with deepest respect & much affection,

Sheila O'Brien

Carey Sheila - January 10, 2025 at 09:18 PM

RD

“ Dear Salvatore and Family,
On behalf of the Circles of Mercy Board of Trustees and the Sisters of Mercy, I want to offer our sincerest condolences. Both Paul and Patricia were long-time generous donors to our ministry of Mercy. They both were very kind and supportive of the works of Mercy we provide to the community. He and Patricia's ongoing support of Circles of Mercy was important in our outreach efforts to those disenfranchised in the community, especially women and women with children. Paul and Patricia's philanthropy will benefit the Capital Region for many years to come. Our community of Mercy has lost a truly great person. May both Paul and Patricia rest in peace...

Richard S. Zazycki,
Executive Director -
Circles of Mercy, Inc.

Richard Zazycki, Executive Director - February 17, 2024 at 03:35 PM

SS

“ I was saddened to learn of Paul's passing. In addition to being among the smartest and accomplished attorneys I have had the privilege of working with, he was the nicest, most thoughtful and righteous human one could hope to encounter. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.
Stuart Silbergleit

Stuart Silbergleit - February 16, 2024 at 05:23 PM

NC

“ The family of Governor Hugh L. Carey send our condolences to the Gioia family. Paul and Patricia were both special, kind and generous people. We are sorry for your loss. Nancy Carey Cassidy

Nancy Carey Cassidy - February 16, 2024 at 11:32 AM

LD

“ *It was an honor and pleasure to work with Paul in the regulatory world. He was always a gentleman and a great communicator. A life well lived. Rest in peace..*

*L. Mario DiValentino
Spring Hill FL*

Liberato M DiValentino - February 16, 2024 at 10:34 AM

JP

“ *Salvatore and Family: I want to offer my sincere condolences. I worked with Paul at First Albany and later served with him on the IPH Board for many years. He was extremely bright and hard working--yet for all his professional achievements, he was very modest and humble. He and Patricia's longstanding support of IPH were so crucial in easing the many burdens of homelessness for IPH's service population. Paul and Patricia's philanthropy will benefit our area for many years to come. Our community has lost a truly great person*

*John Puig
Loudonville*

John Puig - February 15, 2024 at 04:53 PM