



Robert G. Leyden

September 21, 1939 - September 15, 2020

Albany - Robert (Bob) G. Leyden of Albany departed this life on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, surrounded by his loving family. He battled many medical conditions for several years but always maintained a positive attitude that will serve as an inspiration to those who knew him.

Robert was born in Springfield MA on September 21, 1939 to the late Robert D. Leyden and Eileen F. Godfrey Leyden. He moved with his family to Manchester, CT and then to Albany, NY where he remained. He attended Vincentian Institute where he made many lifelong friends that he met with regularly up to his death. He attended the College of the Holy Cross and Albany Law School before beginning his law career with Cooper, Erving, and Savage LLP. He opened a private practice to continue his legal career before working for the State of New York and then retiring.

Robert served his community as a county legislator and committeeman and through various organizations including the Knights of Columbus and the Albany Ancient Order of Hibernians. He was always generous with his time especially when helping family members, friends, and associates with legal matters. He was a voracious reader who enjoyed family visits and milestones, cooking, fishing, horseracing, and watching sports, particularly the Yankees

and Giants. We extend a special thank you to all his doctors and medical professionals who cared for Robert as well as friends and family who were instrumental in getting him to his appointments.

Robert is survived by his former wife Brenda E. Reilly of Fort Lauderdale, FL; his children Brian M. Leyden (Betsy) of Vernon CT and Lisa E. Leyden (John) of Albany; his siblings Brian Leyden (Rose) of Malta, Virginia DeWolf (Thomas) of Cherry Hill, N.J., and Teresa Tiernan (Thomas) of Jamestown, R.I.; by his brother-in-law Roland Mahony of Albany; his grandchildren Timothy and Katherine and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Judith Mahony and his brother Daniel Leyden.

Relatives and friends may visit with Bob's family on Sunday, September 20, 2020 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot doorway; Masks and Social Distancing are required; and 40 visitors at a time will be allowed in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for family only.

Please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society or The Community Hospice, Gift Processing Center, 310 S. Manning Blvd., Albany, NY 12208 in lieu of flowers.

To leave a message for Bob's family, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit www.McVeighFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **20**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Tribute Wall



“ Robert G. Leyden

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ Diane Sobo lit a candle in memory of Robert G. Leyden



Diane Sobo - September 23, 2020 at 02:18 PM



I am so sorry for your loss. It was so nice to see him when he came to visit Florida. My sincere condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed.

Diane Sobo - September 23, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ My condolences to Bob's family. I remember him well from my early days at Cooper Erving. He was a great, fun loving person and well liked by all.

Terry Christenson - September 21, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ Bob and I spent many happy days in the M G Pub years ago .Hopefully We will get together again and see some of the old gang. RIP OLD Buddy Joe Doyle

Joseph Doyle - September 21, 2020 at 01:06 AM

GC

“ I was so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. All of the Conways and Leydens were good friends when we were growing up in the Pine Hills neighborhood in Albany and later in life. Bob and my late brother Bill were particularly close. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Sincerely, Gerry Conway

gerard l conway - September 20, 2020 at 04:15 PM

JP

“ My sincere condolences to Bob's family. When I heard about his passing it was thru another NYS: Facilities Development Corporation (FDC) employee that remains a close friend thru the years! A flood of memories came to me! Bob loyally assisted me along with Bob DiOrio in completing the complicated legal contracts to purchase property thru out NY State. We answered to the Attorney Generals Office! Bob and Bob shared a office together. I called them” The Bobbers”. We were a team. Got a lot done! Had to !

I Especially remember that Bob was a walking encyclopedia of any Albany history...people and places! I encouraged him to someday write a book!

I also remember him taking afternoons off in August to go visit the horses at Saratoga!

My prayers!

Joan B Parker

Joan Parker - September 20, 2020 at 02:19 PM

NS

“ I was so sorry to learn of Bob's passing and will keep him and all of you in my prayers.

Nancy Sandman

Nancy Sandman - September 19, 2020 at 09:18 PM

LL

“ keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Be strong !

linda laboissiere - September 19, 2020 at 09:03 PM

TH

“ Dear Family and Friend of Robert, Condolences from one of his classmates at Holy Cross, '61. Prayers in gratitude for Bob. Tom Hughson, SJ.

Thomas Hughson - September 19, 2020 at 05:35 PM

EB

“ It is with heavy hearts that we acknowledge the passing of Bob. The chosen picture perfectly captures how we will remember him — happy to be among friends and ready for a celebration. And behind the glasses, that twinkle in his eyes. Bob gave us so many River memories; it was wonderful to have known him.

Robert and Ellyn Bibik

Ellyn Bibik - September 19, 2020 at 01:54 PM

ED

“ So very sorry to hear of your loss. Just a great guy from a great family!

Eugene Devine - September 19, 2020 at 11:00 AM

JD

“ My condolences to the family of my long time friend Bob Leyden. Rest in Peace My Friend! John (Ron) Dillon, Sl'ainte

John Dillon - September 19, 2020 at 08:03 AM

BG

“ This is a wonderful picture of Bob and a lovely way to remember him...

Barbara Gilmam - September 18, 2020 at 10:41 PM

DR

“ So sorry to hear about Uncle Bob. Lots of great memories of Thanksgiving as a kid that I will never forget. I don't know why he decided to call me George from an early age, there was never any reason besides silliness, which is often the best reason of all. Condolences from the Pennsylvania Reillys.

“George” and family

Dan Reilly - September 18, 2020 at 09:30 PM

BA

“ worked with bob at fdc-we called him skippy-he was a great friend to my husband jack sheehy and after jack's death he always helped me out when i needed help= loved this guy-barbara sheehy

barbara - September 18, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert G. Leyden.



September 18, 2020 at 05:59 PM