



Roland M. Cavalier

December 30, 1945 - July 7, 2024

Albany NY-Roland M. Cavalier passed away peacefully in his Albany home on Sunday, July 7th, 2024 at the age of 78, surrounded by his family. Roland is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Jacqueline; his four sons Mark (Beth); Jason (Linda); Bryan (Betsy); Matthew (Joanna); his daughter Stephanie (Ryan FitzGerald); and six cherished grandchildren, Caroline Leigh, Caroline Ann, Andrew, William, Lila, and Avery. He is also survived by his sisters Sandra Erickson (Robert) and Letitia Cavalier, as well as his former wife, Marcia Burke Senecal. Roland is preceded in death by his parents, Nathan and Vianca Cavalier.

Roland was born in Hibbing, MN on December 30th, 1945. He grew up surrounded by loving parents, grandparents and extended relatives from both Italian and Serbian backgrounds. Upon graduating from Hibbing High School, he was recruited to play varsity ice hockey at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, where he played three years as a defenseman. At RPI, Roland was a member of Theta Xi Fraternity and forged lifelong friendships. He then earned a Juris Doctor degree at Albany Law School, graduating as class valedictorian in 1970.

Roland's career as a respected business attorney spanned nearly five decades in private practice, retiring from his last position Of Counsel at the O'Connell & Aronowitz Law Firm in Albany. His practice concentration was in

corporate and contract law, business litigation, arbitration and mediation of commercial disputes, corporate acquisitions, commercial real estate, securities law, and FINRA arbitrations. He represented clients over a wide range of industries, having argued cases before the NY State Courts as well as in Federal Courts in New York, New Jersey, and Ohio.

Outside of the office and courtroom, Roland was a family man with a soft spot for golden retrievers and a love of the outdoors. Following his years at RPI, Roland traded in his skates for a tennis racket, playing competitively throughout his life. He found great joy in fostering a lifelong love of tennis in each of his sons, although his daughter, Stephanie preferred the pool. He was also an avid bicyclist for years and spent many weekends hiking in the Adirondack and Catskill Mountains. No family hike was complete without a coffee milkshake at the end.

Roland was happiest surrounded by his cherished wife, family, dog, and friends, with the occasional bourbon old-fashioned in hand. He loved any Robert De Niro movie, a great history book, lawyer jokes (the cheesier the better), a spirited debate, reading the weekly Barron's Magazine, and armchair coaching his favorite sports teams, the Minnesota Vikings and the Yankees. True to his Italian heritage, countless family celebrations took place at the Caffé Italia, where he had shared a cappuccino with his wife Jackie on one of their first dates.

Roland's loved ones are invited to visit with his family on Sunday, July 21st from 3:00 – 6:00pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

His Funeral Mass will take place on Monday, July 22nd at 11:00am at St. Pius X Church in Loudonville, NY.

An interment at Albany Rural Cemetery will be held at a later date.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Roland's memory to The Alzheimer's Association Northeastern New York Chapter and sent to: Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York, 1003 Loudon Road, Cohoes, NY 12047. https://www.alz.org/northeasternny/about_us/contact_us

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **21**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JUL **22**. 11:00 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 Roland M. Cavalier*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - July 19, 2024 at 06:55 PM

MA

“ *So sorry to hear of Roland's passing. Back in 1980 he took a chance on a young shy girl as his secretary. He taught me so much about the law and life. Rest in Peace Roland. I will always think fondly of you.*

Marie - July 22, 2024 at 06:21 PM

JA

“ *"BUTCHIE" WAS ONE OF MY VERY FIRST FRIENDS...I HAVE VIVID MEMORIES OF US IN COWBOY GARB IN HIS BASEMENT...HIM SINGIN' "BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN" & THEN HOLLERING "GENE AUTRY!"...IN LATER YEARS HE AWED ME W/HIS INTELLECT*

johnny antonelli - July 22, 2024 at 01:35 AM

PG

My deepest condolences on passing of your very loved family member, Roland. He and I had a great visit at one of our HHS reunion (class i(64)). He was a wonderful classmate & friend known then lovingly as "Butch" He lived a great life & had an extremely successful career . I was proud to have known him from Hibbing. MN, you, his family, is absolutely beautiful & darling grandkids. How proud & happy he looks in all photos with you all & know your hearts are broken. You can see the love for you, his beautiful wife. Sending prayers & Gods peace to you all. I will always remember his kindness & smile. Paulette (kiskis) Gustin

paulette kiskis gustin - July 25, 2024 at 08:10 PM

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Hod bless you all

paulette kiskis gustin - July 25, 2024 at 08:11 PM

MD

“ Cavy,

We go back a long, long , long way - all the way to serving mass under Father Currie at Hibbing's Immaculate Conception Church (and getting hollered at for accidentally bouncing the communion paten off various folks' Adam's apples when not paying attention :-))....

Then, We separated , geographically , right after high school, you and Jim Green going east, Gary heading south to the “U”, me?, west, to Denver - but, in and through all that, the pull and tether-like yank of Hibbing and the Range always seemed to prevail.

You fashioned a stellar career in your discipline, only outdistanced by your performance as a family man. In addition to many, I was saddened to learn of your passing, but, no matter, I am certain of this:

Every person that had the benefit of having made your acquaintance is better for it. And that right there is what I consider the epitome of [a]testament.

Rest easy, Cavy, you dun good,

Chocolate

Mike D'Aquila - July 21, 2024 at 01:00 PM

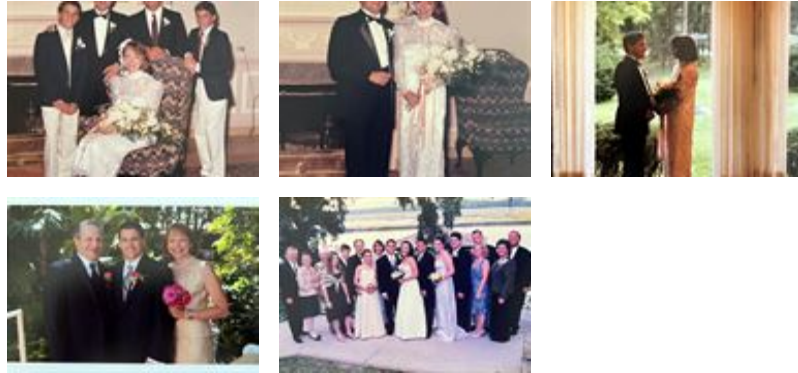
BZ

“ *My condolences....
Benita Zahn*

benita zahn - July 20, 2024 at 01:27 PM



“ 102 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - July 19, 2024 at 02:51 PM

JP

Mark, Bryan And Jason and family, I'm so sorry for your My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

Janice Phoenix

Janice Phoenix - July 19, 2024 at 03:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roland M. Cavalier.*



July 19, 2024 at 11:23 AM

LM

“ *Love, Marcia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roland M. Cavalier.*

Love, Marcia - July 19, 2024 at 11:23 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Roland M. Cavalier.*



July 18, 2024 at 02:54 PM



“ *Gilchrist Tingley, P.C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roland M. Cavalier.*

Gilchrist Tingley, P.C. - July 18, 2024 at 02:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roland M. Cavalier.*



July 18, 2024 at 01:13 PM



“ *Dan and Adriana Tuczinski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roland M. Cavalier.*

Dan and Adriana Tuczinski - July 18, 2024 at 01:13 PM



“ *Jackie, I am so sorry to hear of Roland's passing. I am praying for you and the family during this very difficult time. Debbie Stalker*

Debbie Stalker - July 18, 2024 at 12:17 PM