

James H. Glavin III

Glavin, James H. III WATERFORD James H. Glavin III, a lifelong resident of Waterford and practicing lawyer for over half a century, died Saturday, January 2, 2016, at his residence. He is survived by A. Rita Chandellier Glavin, his wife of 52 years. A graduate of Waterford High School, he was a cum laude graduate of Villanova University and received his juris doctorate from Albany Law School. Upon his admission to the Bar he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where he served as assistant staff judge advocate for three years with the 839th Air Division of the Tactical Air Command based in Tennessee. Assigned as military judicial officer, he was primarily involved in investigations and court martial trials. He also handled matters in aviation accidents in the mid-South. In 1959, he was the judge advocate assigned to investigate a mid-air collision of a B-52 Bomber and a tanker aerially refueling the bomber over Kentucky. The same year he was assigned to an unusual accident involving a C-130 transport. He often referred to his time in the Air Force as his formative legal experience. When his active duty was complete, he served in the Air Force Reserve and was designated by the judge advocate general as regional representative. Upon his honorable discharge from the Air Force, he forewent opportunities in large law firms in Nashville, Albany, New York City and Binghamton to return to his home town of Waterford where he joined his father in the Glavin & Glavin Law office in Waterford. His wife, Rita, later joined them in their law practice. He was admitted to the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court, and was a member of the New York State, Albany, Saratoga and Rensselaer County Bar Associations. He served as chairman for the New York State Bar Association's Administrative Law Practice Committee. He was also a member of many professional associations, including the American Trial Lawyers, New York State Trial Lawyers, American Hospitals, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Transportation Lawyers and the Federal Bar Association of the Northern District of New York. In 2008 he was honored by the federal judges of the Northern District of New York for his performance. He was a member of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers and the Air Force Association. He served as chairman of Key Bank's regional board and served for over two decades on the board of Bellevue Women's Hospital. He was a trustee and lector of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Waterford for over 40 years, and a long-time board member of the St. Mary's School. He served as an attorney for the Town of Waterford and for over 45 years as counsel for the Waterford Water Commissioners. He was a Fourth Degree Knight of Waterford Council 237 of the Knights of Columbus. He was former president and an over 50-year member of the Waterford Lions Club. In 1989, he was recognized as a Patron of the Village of Waterford. A lifelong Democrat, he was chairman of the Saratoga County Democratic Committee, chairman of the Fourth Judicial District of the Democratic Party for the State of New York for over 25 years, and he served on the Judicial Selection Committee of the State Democratic Party. He is predeceased by his father, Judge James H. Glavin Jr.; his mother, Elizabeth Gibbons Glavin; and a sister, Mary Evelyn Glavin. In addition to his wife, he is survived by their four children, Helene Elizabeth Clinton, James Chandellier Glavin, Rita Marie Glavin and James Henry Glavin IV; and his four grandchildren, Joseph, Patrick and Caroline Clinton and Maria Glavin. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a funeral Mass on Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 119 Broad St., Waterford. Interment will follow in Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery in Schenectady. At Mr. Glavin's request there will be no public viewing hours. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to St. Mary of the Assumption Church Restoration Fund in care of the Philip J. Brendese Funeral Home, 133 Broad St., Waterford, NY 12188. To express your sympathy or share a treasured memory, visit: Brendesefuneralhome.com

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