

John T. Casey Obituary



Casey, Hon. John T. ALBANY The Hon. John T. Casey, retired associate justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Appel late Division, Third Department, passed into eternal life on Christmas Day, December 25, 2014, at the Teresian House, Albany. His long life and public career fulfilled the dreams of his immigrant mother, Molly (Costello) Casey, born in County Tipperary, and his father Jack Casey, a machinist born in Brooklyn. He is survived by his six children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Jack Casey was born at home in St. Joseph's Parish, South Troy. He attended St. Joseph's Parochial School and LaSalle Institute, where he was valedictorian and cadet colonel in the class of 1939. Sponsored by his aunt Bridget Ryan, a domestic for Troy's wealthy Warren family, he attended University of Toronto, where he graduated summa cum laude in 1943 at the height of World War II. Mr. Casey entered the United State Navy and was deployed to command a destroyer in the South Pacific, where he served until the end of the war. Returning to Troy, he attended Albany Law School on the GI Bill of Rights, and was admitted to the bar in 1950. Even though his uncle Dan Costello was Troy's Democrat postmaster, Jack enrolled in the Republican Party and ran for Congress in 1950 against the Albany Democrat machine candidate, Billy Barnes. While unsuccessful in that race, he carried Troy's river wards, and in 1955, when the office of district attorney came vacant, he ran and won, and was twice re-elected. As a tough prosecutor, he had an enviable conviction rate, with only one hung jury and no acquittals. Mr. Casey was elected Rensselaer County Court judge in 1963, and rose to the Supreme Court in 1968. Appointed by Gov. Hugh Carey to the Appellate Division - Third Department in 1979, he served with distinction until his mandatory retirement in 1997. Sharing his practical experience, Mr. Casey taught criminal practice and procedure at Albany Law School from 1955 until 1977, and there he mentored an entire generation of Albany attorneys. While in law school, Jack married Dorothy Jeyne Carroll of Batavia, a nursing student at Albany Medical Center. Between 1949 and 1962, they had six children, Colleen, a nurse in Orangeburg, S.C., Jack, a novelist and attorney in Troy, Tom, a school teacher in Mancos, Colo., Dan, a retired Rensselaer County Health Department official in Troy, Kevin, a retiree from the United States Air Force in Phoenix, Ariz., and Mike, a retired Verizon technician in Troy. Judge Casey is survived by seven grandchildren, Elizabeth Brown and Dottie and Katie Atkinson of Columbia, S.C.; Kevin and Ian Casey of Phoenix, Ariz.; Molly Casey of Albany, and John Casey of New York City; and two great-grandchildren, John T. Casey, III, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Delaney Brown of Columbia. The family wishes to thank the kind, dedicated, professional staff at Teresian House, Albany, for the loving care it gave him for the past two years, and also the Loudonville Home for Adults for the wonderful care in its assisted living home he received there from 2010 to 2012. Visiting hours will be at the John Clinton Funeral Home, Washington Park, Troy, on Monday, December 29, 2014, from 4 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Joseph's Church, South Troy, with interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Watervliet. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Judge Casey's name to Teresian House, 200 Washington Ave., Ext., Albany, NY 12203.

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