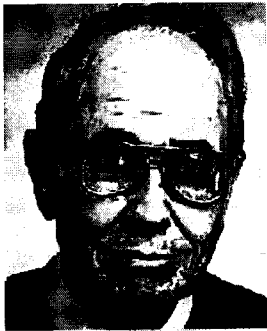




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## HAROLD HUGHES OBITUARY

**H**ughes, Harold J. Jr. ALTAMONT Harold J. Hughes Jr., "Hal," 92 of Altamont, passed away peacefully at Albany Medical Center on June 30, 2022. Beloved by his family, he is survived by his wife of 69 years, the former Mary Rickard; his children, Charles (Kelley) of Voorheesville, Meg (Mike) of Altamont, and Jurian (David) of the Berkshires; as well as four grandchildren, Nellie, Conor,

Ivy, and Tucker; eight great-grandchildren, Jet, Cailey, Sullivan, Harrison, Audriana, Miles, Mila, and Winston; and sister, Mary Faith Scherer of Dennis, Cape Cod. Born in Albany to Harold Sr. and Mildred Vunk Hughes, Harold attended Christian Brothers Academy, Union College, and Albany Law School, where he graduated valedictorian. In earlier years, he served three years in the U.S. Army, was Guilderland town justice and town councilman, as well as Altamont justice of the peace. His devotion was to the law, which he began practicing in 1954. He served as assistant attorney general for the State of New York, and assistant and deputy clerk for New York Supreme Court's Appellate Division, before being elected a justice of the New York Supreme Court, Third Judicial District, in 1972, a role which he faithfully held for 28 years, including several years as administrative judge. He retired in 1999. During his many years on the bench, Harold's decisions earned him great respect from his peers and colleagues, along with a reputation for being careful, unbiased, and tough. In addition to the law, Harold's other great loves were reading, sports (especially golf), the outdoors (particularly the Adirondacks), his church, his family, and his lawn (not necessarily in that order). Hal and Mary lived together in Altamont for more than 65 years and spent many happy winters in Tequesta, Fla. A wonderful husband and father, he was a private man, loved by many and admired by all who knew him, for his kindness and his integrity. A funeral service will be held in The Altamont Reformed Church on Friday, July 8, at 10 a.m. with a reception afterward in the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to the Altamont Free Library, P.O. Box 662, Altamont, NY, 12009. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Fredendall Funeral Home, Altamont. For online condolences and service information please visit [Fredendallfuneralhome.com](http://Fredendallfuneralhome.com)



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