

# Charles J. "Chase" Pugliese

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## Charles Pugliese Obituary

**E**AST GREENBUSH - With profound sadness the family of Charles J. "Chase" Pugliese, 81, announces his passing on July 18, 2023. While Parkinson's disease took much of his physical strength, it was never able to take his courage and strength of family, which he held with much pride.

Born on April 23, 1942, Chase was the son of the late Charles W. and Therese Pugliese. Chase grew up in Kingston. He received his bachelor's degree in English literature from Brown University. He loved the English language and used it with elan. Chase received his Juris Doctorate degree from Albany Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1969. For over 30 years, he was an attorney and assistant counsel for the N.Y.S. Departments of Agriculture and Markets, Social Services, and the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, respectively. During his career, he represented his agencies in scores of administrative hearings and argued and wrote briefs for a number of cases in the State

Supreme Court, the Appellate Division and the Court of Appeals. Chase also carried on x  
his own practice of law for over four decades.

He was very active in the Knights of Columbus, East Greenbush Council 6027, and chaired numerous events for the council, including 50s Night, Italian Night, and the 50/50 Club. He received the council's highest award, Knight of the Year, for distinguished service. He was a co-founder of the N.Y.S. Organization of Management/Confidential Employees (OMCE). He served as a lector for Holy Spirit Church for many years and was a communicant of St. John the Baptist Church in Valatie.

Chase served as the publicity director for the East Greenbush Community Library Book Sales and for the Kinderhook Lake Corporation's events for many years. He was a lifelong, ardent N.Y. Yankees and N.Y. Giants fan. He zealously played softball for the K of C and the Bozos for more than three decades. Chase and Paula loved to travel and visited more than 37 countries.

Chase is survived by his beloved wife and soulmate of 50 years, Paula, who transformed Chase's life when he met her. He is also survived by his treasured children, Karen (Wayne) Frankey and Kent, whom he loved deeply. Mary Pugliese and Edie Pugliese, and several cousins, nieces and nephews also survive him. He was predeceased by his younger brothers, Dan and John. His proudest asset was his family.

His family would like to extend sincere and heartfelt thanks to Van Rensselaer Manor for their exemplary care, kindness, compassion and support while he resided there.

There will be a funeral Mass held in St. John the Baptist Church, 1025 Kinderhook St. (Route 9), Valatie on Saturday, July 22, at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow his funeral Mass in St. John's Cemetery in Valatie. Friends and family are invited to call the night prior, Friday, July 21, from 4-7 p.m. at the Wm. J. Rockefeller Funeral Home, 165 Columbia Tpke., Rensselaer.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Chase's name to the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society in Menands.



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