



Mr. John A. Longieretta, Esq.

June 5, 1934 - April 15, 2019

NEW HARTFORD - Mr. John A. Longieretta, Esq., age 84, passed away with peace and dignity on Monday, April 15, 2019 at the Masonic Care Community of NY with those he loved most in his heart.

Born in Utica on June 5, 1934, John was the son of the late Anthony and Margaret (Fericola) Longieretta. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1952. He continued his education at Hamilton College where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree. He was proud of his educational achievements as well as his athletic accomplishments in football, especially his invitation to try out at the professional level with the Baltimore Colts, one of his proudest moments. But he opted to pursue his post-graduate education at Syracuse University College of Law where he was awarded his Juris Doctorate degree and successfully admitted to the New York State Bar Association. A veteran of the US Army, John then joined the National Guard Association. On October 12, 1963 he married the former Mirella A. Paoletti. It was a marriage of their era; Mirella loved him for life, and they shared a 55-year union.

John began his practice as an attorney in 1959 when he established the Longieretta and Longieretta Law Firm on Hopper Street with his late brother Thomas. He later formed the law firm Longieretta, Giruzzi, and Zamorski. Subsequently, he practiced as the Office of John Longieretta for numerous years. His sons, Paul and David joined him in what became known as the Longieretta Law Firm at 298 Genesee Street. During his career, he was one of

the first judicially experienced Associate City Judges.

As a parent and patriarch of his family, John shared his lifetime experiences, wisdom, and advice with his children who reciprocated by honoring him with their love and support. They never wanted to disappoint their dad or mom because they were grateful for the gifts of guidance and good values they bestowed to them. A professional man with a generous heart, he had the God given desire to help others with great sincerity. He believed that all of us had rights, and he was always there to assist his clients to make them comfortable knowing that he stood by them. John had an unwavering work ethic and such a prolific love for the law that he personalized it. He championed the virtues of honesty, education, and parenthood and the rewards they render later on in life.

His leisure pursuits included golf, racquet ball, fishing with his children, traveling (especially to Florida), fine dining (which was often his wife's cooking), and a good cigar. Above all, he enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was a member of the State of New York Oneida County Magistrates Association and the Oneida County Bar Association. A practicing Catholic, John was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where he faithfully attended Saturday Mass. Having the Lord in his life was a comfort and an inspiration.

John's measure of success was not defined by material terms but by a moral code of integrity. His legacy is a true measure of a life that balanced love of family, loyalty to friends, and a lifetime of dedication to his profession.

John is survived by his wife, Mirella; his children and their spouses, John J. and Lisa R. Longieretta, Paul M., Esq. and Laura Longieretta, David A., Esq. and Renee Longieretta, and Dr. Andria M. and Dr. Dimitrios Theoharidis; his grandchildren, Maria L., and John A. Longieretta; Samuel S. Longieretta; Briana Vellone; and Damian, Ekaterina, and Arianna Theoharidis; and his sister, Lucille Closson. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. John was blessed with many wonderful friends, but it would be remiss not to mention Joe Nassar Yagey, Thomas "Dee"

Degironimo, and Frank Giruzzi. He was predeceased by his brother, Thomas Anthony Longieretta, Esq.; members of his wife's family who he so enjoyed; and his friends, Bobby Moracco, Frank Broccoli, and Frank Scalise.

The family is grateful to Dr. Kevin McCormick for his medical expertise, and his bedside manner of sharing with a compassionate heart; Dr. Robert Pavelock for his faithful support; Maria Centolella who has been a dear friend and visited with the Longieretta family with much concern; the staff members at the Masonic Care Community who were very attentive, loving, respectful, and amazingly sensitive; and Fr. James Cesta for his blessings and spiritual solace.

The family will honor and commemorate John's life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday morning at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered with Military Honors conferred. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to the Historic Old St. John's Food Pantry in John's honor; envelopes will be available at the service.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR **22**. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay St
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482

Tribute Wall



“ *Yes espsssshsddesh I can do*



Anthony Murad - July 07, 2021 at 06:27 PM



“ *tom john and I go back many years he was always a real gentelman
god bless nick curri*

nick curri - April 21, 2019 at 11:17 PM



“ *Farewell to a true gentleman.*

Cynthia S'Doia - April 20, 2019 at 06:55 PM



“ *Lauren Longeretta purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. John A. Longeretta, Esq..*



Lauren Longeretta - April 19, 2019 at 05:00 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. John A. Longeretta, Esq..*



April 19, 2019 at 01:39 PM



“ *Our sincere sympathy and prayers to the Longeretta family for your loss of a good husband, father, grandfather and neighbor.
Ronald and Martha Mancuso*

Martha Mancuso - April 19, 2019 at 10:05 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John A. Longeretta, Esq..*



April 19, 2019 at 10:03 AM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John A. Longeretta, Esq..*



April 19, 2019 at 07:21 AM

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“ John was always there to help and fight for a client in need. He loved his children and never stopped bragging about their accomplishments. He was an extremely hard working individual that never really retired or stopped working.



I always enjoyed talking with you John and I hope one day we will meet again. You truly were someone i always admired and looked up too!!!

Christopher Lambert - April 18, 2019 at 09:58 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Lauren Longeretta and David Barr.

Lauren Longeretta - April 18, 2019 at 08:20 PM

JR

“ I would like to express my sympathy to Johns' wife and children! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Sincerely Janet Raymer

Janet Raymer - April 18, 2019 at 05:36 PM

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“ MIRELLA, AND YOUR CHILDREN; I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR OF JOHNS PASSING, BUT HE DID SUFFER FOR A LONG TIME. WHEN HE WAS AT CHURCH, YOU COULD SEE THE SUFFERING ON HIS FACE. MIRELLA, YOU WERE A GOOD WIFE AND MOTHER TO ALL OF YOUR CHILDREN. PLEASE KNOW THAT EVERYONE IS PRAYING FOR ALL OF YOU, BUT MOST OF ALL DURING THIS RELIGIOUS TIME PERIOD OF LENT, LEADING INTO EASTER AND THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, PLEASE KNOW THAT JOHN WILL BE BLESSED. MY LOVE AND PRAYERS TO ALL OF YOU. FLO GRANDINETTA WILSON

FIORINDA B. WILSON - April 18, 2019 at 09:27 AM

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*Many prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the entire Longieretta Family.
Fred and Jeanne Castronovo*

fred snd jeanne Castronovo - April 18, 2019 at 03:41 PM

TS

“ *He was amazing. I didn't know him for long. My heart breaks for the whole family.*

Tammy Shepard - April 17, 2019 at 10:39 PM

PJ

“ *David, Paul & Family
I was sorry to read about Johns passing. He was always a character when he appeared in Herkimer Village Court. Sending prayers your way
Phil ODonnell Jr*

Philip ODonnell Jr - April 17, 2019 at 04:42 PM