



## Supreme Court Justice John L. Murad, Retired

February 22, 1932 - January 10, 2012

Retired New York State Supreme Court Justice, Honorable John L. Murad, age 79, of Utica, passed away on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with his devoted family by his side.

Born in Utica on February 22, 1932, John was the son of the late Karkour and Julia (Mardenly) Murad. He was a graduate of St. Francis de Sales High School. He continued his academic studies at LeMoyne College where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He went on to receive his Doctorate of Law degree from Albany Law School. On July 4, 1957 he married the former Patricia A. O'Shea with whom he shared 45 years prior to her passing on November 26, 2002; their marriage was blessed with an abiding love and devotion to one another and to their family.

John served the people of New York State in various venues. His legal career began in private practice, first at the firm of Bernardi, Zogby, & Murad, and later at Murad, Brindisi, & Garramone.

His career on the bench began as a Utica City Court Judge in 1966; he was elected to serve as Oneida County Court Judge in 1984. In 1992 he was elected to the prestigious post of New York State Supreme Court Justice in the Fifth Judicial District serving the people until his retirement in 2001.

Judge Murad received numerous honors throughout his career, including a commendation from the Office of Court Administration for improving the court system, and a commendation from the NYS Chief Administrative Judge. He was recognized for service and leadership by Mohawk Valley Community

College, where he was an adjunct professor of law for seven years; the New York State Assembly, the Utica Common Council, and the Utica Kiwanis Club. His professional affiliations included his memberships in the New York State Supreme Court Justices Association, American Trial Lawyers Association, Oneida County Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. Most recently he served as a member of the SUNYIT College Council. He was a communicant of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Although he had many professional accomplishments, his greatest passion and his strongest loyalties belonged with his family. Among his most memorable attributes was his ability to communicate with and tell stories to those whose paths he crossed.

John is survived by his daughter, Julie Ann Maciag of New Hartford; his sons and daughters-in-law, John L. Murad, Jr., Esq. and his wife Renee James, Esq. of Jamesville, Supreme Court Justice Honorable David A. and Susan M. Murad of Utica, Kirk A. Murad and wife Patricia P. Wu-Murad of Storrs, CT, Joseph T. Murad of Utica, and Jeffrey M. and Heather M. Murad of Bar Harbor, Maine. Also left to mourn his passing are his grandchildren, John "J.P." Maciag; Matthew, Bess, and Patrick Murad; Michael, and Elizabeth Murad; Rachel, Murphy, and Bryce Murad; and Ashley and Alyssa Murad; his sister and brother-in-law, Antoinette "Anne" and Joseph Flint; his brother and sister-in-law, Alex E. and Antoinette C. "Ann" Murad; many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Joan Guyette, Beverly O'Shea, and Timothy J. O'Shea; and he was blessed with many wonderful friendships that he held close to his heart. He was predeceased by his brothers and sister-in-law, Anthony F. "Tony" and Mary Murad, and George Murad; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Angelo Brindisi, Jenny Singe, and Nellie and George Kazanjian; and his brother-in-law, James Guyette. The family extends sincere appreciation to Dr. Fred Talerico, Pat Rosati, NP, as well as their staff for the years of care, dedication, and friendship; home health care aide Charlene Pavia Werthman who went above and beyond; as

well as the nurses and staff of the ICU at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The family will receive visitors on Thursday from 4:00-7:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, 2222 Genesee St., Utica. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to the Upstate Cancer Center at Upstate Medical University in memory of John's late wife Patricia, or the Mohawk Valley Heart Institute; envelopes will be available at the service. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Judge Murad's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday morning at 10:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno. Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum at the convenience of the family. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

# Cemetery Details

## **Calvary Mausoleum**

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2727

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Supreme Court Justice John L. Murad, Retired*



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**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Although our family was split for whatever reason. Growing up my uncle was a great guy and I would look to him for any advice. Thank you for all you did for us. RIP, my most sincere condolences. Mark....*

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**Mark Broedel** - June 03, 2022 at 07:35 PM

DF

“ John, David, Kirk, Joe, Jeff, & Julie..(& wonderful, amazing family!!)



*You were the only other family I knew with 6 kids.. in my youth! .. And I adored all of you!*

*I remember your Dad so fondly.. though I was shy teenager when I cared for you all, he made sure I was comfortable in his home when ever I came over. He would drive me home & engage me in a conversation & encourage me to talk. He opened up 'doors' for me by seeing me as a 'person' & always finding humor in our lives.*

*I was always impressed & proud that John was my 'cousin' & as I grew- realized the depth of his compassion in his career & life. I heard from many strangers of his 'fairness' & willingness to help people change their lives. I suppose this compassion is part of what drove all of you to be successful & caring individuals.*

*My sincere sympathy for the loss of your Dad. We only have one in life.*

*My sincere apologies for not telling you this sooner - there is no reason that is credible.*

*He has passed on in this life but remains a torch of light, strength & compassion for so many!*

*With love for you all  
Diana Fister*

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**Diana fister** - February 04, 2012 at 09:49 AM

DF

“ *David & Christina Scharf And Family lit a candle in memory of Supreme Court Justice John L. Murad, Retired*



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**David & Christina Scharf and Family** - January 14, 2012 at 09:14 AM

LD

“ *Lucille Giacobelli DeNicola lit a candle in memory of Supreme Court Justice John L. Murad, Retired*



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**Lucille Giacobelli DeNicola** - January 13, 2012 at 08:51 PM

DF

*John's Family did a great job with yesterday's tribute to their Dad. He would have been so proud, it was just beautiful. He was a great inspiration to our Family and will be truly missed.*

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**David & Christina Scharf and Family** - January 14, 2012 at 09:13 AM

 Betsy Goudy

“ *John,  
So sorry to read of your father's passing. He must have been a great man, because he raised a wonderful son. Prayers and thoughts for you and your family.*

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**Betsy Goudy** - January 13, 2012 at 07:57 AM

SB

“ Susan Brault lit a candle in memory of Supreme Court Justice John L. Murad, Retired



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**Susan Brault** - January 12, 2012 at 07:33 PM

ER

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending you virtual strength and compassion to get through this difficult time.



*He will be well remembered as a man that had strong beliefs and compassion with bear like hugs and warmth that he made you earn, thus making you stronger and able to succeed in life. His legacy will not be forgotten!*

*Emily Mai Van Rosen Strange*

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**Emily MaiVan Rosen** - January 12, 2012 at 02:39 PM

SU

“ To the entire Murad family, our hearts are with you now, and always. Kevin and Sue Keehle

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**Sue** - January 12, 2012 at 11:55 AM

AC

“ Angela Corentin lit a candle in memory of Supreme Court Justice John L. Murad, Retired



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**Angela Corentin** - January 12, 2012 at 09:47 AM

BP

“ *Brian K. Mignault, Sr., Ph.D. lit a candle in memory of Supreme Court Justice John L. Murad, Retired*



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**Brian K. Mignault, Sr., Ph.D.** - January 12, 2012 at 08:46 AM

BP

*Kirk,*

*The entire Ellis Tech family extends our thoughts and prayers for you and the entire Murad family at this most difficult time. If a son is a reflection of his father, your dad must have been a truly remarkable individual.*

*Brian and Nancy Mignault*

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**Brian K. Mignault, Sr., Ph.D.** - January 12, 2012 at 08:54 AM

CM

“ *Cathy Massoud Daughter Of George Massoud lit a candle in memory of Supreme Court Justice John L. Murad, Retired*



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**Cathy Massoud daughter of George Massoud** - January 12, 2012 at 06:17 AM

CP

“ *In our life we sometimes are blessed by the people who God puts in our life I was Blessed by Knowing John. He was a Man who loved is children more than himself which is so rare It was an Honor to know him. God Bless you John and your family. I also want to thank Sal Convertino for all the coffee and visits that John so enjoyed with you*

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**Charlenewerthman Pavia** - January 11, 2012 at 09:05 PM

LD

“ RIP Judge...Your little girl is in good hands :)

Lucille M. Giacobelli DeNicola - January 11, 2012 at 09:03 PM

VJ

“ I knew Nellie Kazanjian very well, having worked with her to start the New Hartford Historical Society and then was close to Ken, having served with him on the New Hartford School Board for 16 years. I got to know first hand the deep pride they had in having the Judge as brother and uncle respectively. When I finally got to know John myself I understood .why they admired him so much. He will be sorely missed.



Victor J. Fariello Jr  
New Hartford

Victor J. Fariello Jr. - January 11, 2012 at 08:59 PM

IL

“ He was a very warm and caring person..always made me feel part of the family..had a great sense of humor.. it was an honor knowing him! Iris Lopez

Iris Lopez - January 11, 2012 at 06:39 PM

DB

“ Debbie Cienava Bishop lit a candle in memory of Supreme Court Justice John L. Murad, Retired



Debbie Cienava Bishop - January 11, 2012 at 02:44 PM

DB

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you Dave and Sue and the entire Murad family.  
Debbie & Don*

**Debbie Cienava Bishop** - January 11, 2012 at 02:46 PM

JS

*“ Joan And Albert Shkane lit a candle in memory of Supreme Court Justice John L. Murad, Retired*



**Joan and Albert Shkane** - January 11, 2012 at 12:44 PM

CR

*“ Our deepest sympathy to the Murad Family.*



**Carol Weiler-Rositano & Rocco Rositano** - January 11, 2012 at 11:03 AM

SJ

*“ The Judge was our neighbor and friend. We always enjoyed discussing politics on every level and the Mohawk Valley economy. Janice and I send the entire Murad family all of our prayers during this difficult time. Janice and Samuel L. Russo, Jr. (Utica NY)*



**Samuel L. Russo, Jr.** - January 11, 2012 at 09:19 AM

JU

*And he really enjoyed chatting with you. Thank you so much for your friendship and time well spent with Dad. It meant the world to him.*

**Julie** - January 11, 2012 at 08:53 PM

BE

“ *Remembering 56 years of friendship, RIP John, Walt will be waiting with a deck of cards.*

**Barb Ernst** - January 11, 2012 at 09:14 AM



“ *John called me just before Christmas. I brought a couple of coffees by and we passed the afternoon discussing politics and the state of affairs in the world as we had in the past.  
John was one of the most intelligent, warm, kindest men that I've had the privilege of knowing.  
It was an honor to have been his friend*

**Robert Hyde** - January 11, 2012 at 09:10 AM

CB

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



**Catherine Mootz Bilal** - January 11, 2012 at 08:31 AM

JU

*The Bilal's camp... Dad LOVED coming up there and hanging outside and smoking his cigar... but not as much as he enjoyed the company!*

**Julie** - January 11, 2012 at 08:48 PM

CB

“ 1 file added to the album *Our family time that we shared often at the beach.*



Catherine Mootz Bilal - January 11, 2012 at 08:03 AM

JU

“ *Like you for always, Love you forever, as living as I'm living, my Daddy you'll be. I can't believe I'm going to say this, but I'm going to miss hearing you yell my name. Miss you and Love you...*

Julie - January 11, 2012 at 07:46 AM

CR

“ *I will always remember the Old Forge camp summer vacations. One of my memories is when my Dad cut the bottoms of all the trees between the road and the camp and how mad Uncle John was that he did that. As a kid at the time, I thought it was pretty funny! Anyway, share the memories that make you laugh! This is a celebration of a life that was lived to its fullest! Love and hugs to all my cousins and their families, Chris Guyette Ruffini*

Chris Ruffini - January 11, 2012 at 07:23 AM

DM

“ *Donna Pedone Merhib lit a candle in memory of Supreme Court Justice John L. Murad, Retired*



Donna Pedone Merhib - January 11, 2012 at 07:22 AM

JM

“ *The greatest, most intelligent (and dashing good-looking) man I've ever known! Love you and miss you already-give mom a big kiss from all of us!!*

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**Jeff Murad** - January 11, 2012 at 07:04 AM

PK

“ *My heartfelt sympathies to the family of a most trusted and honored friend of my family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Pamela Ray*

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**Pamela Ray Koshmerl** - January 11, 2012 at 07:02 AM

JM

*Always was a big part of J.P's. life.... he will miss him greatly.*

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**john maciag** - January 11, 2012 at 07:45 AM