

Kenneth P. Ray, Esq.

June 11, 1932 - October 9, 2008

Mr. Kenneth P. Ray, Esq., age 76, of Barneveld, passed away on Thursday, October 9, 2008 in the comfort of his home with his loving family by his side. Born in Brooklyn, NY on June 11, 1932, Kenneth was the son of the late Patsy and Mollie (Stanley) Ray. He received his primary education locally, and was a 1948 graduate of Sauquoit Valley Central High School. As a Golden Gloves champion boxer, he was awarded a full scholarship to Syracuse University where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree Cum Laude in Psychology. His undergraduate pursuits included boxing, Vice President of King's Bench, and member of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. He then attended Cornell Law School where he was awarded his LLB Law degree with honors in 1955. While at Cornell, Ken was on the Board of Editors of the Cornell Law Review, and President of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity. Kenneth was formerly wed to Dorothy June Legg. He shared another union with Jena Rose Atkins. Ken's professional life was preeminent, and his affiliations were prolific. He was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1955, and during the early years of his career his professional licenses included the Federal District Court, U.S. Claims Court, U.S. Supreme Court, and U.S. Court of Appeals. He was employed by private firms, where he drafted professional articles. Kenneth was employed by the Department of Justice, tax division, where he worked as a trial attorney, First Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of New York, and Oneida County Assistant District Attorney. Kenneth began his private practice with the firm of Williams, Ray and Shaheen. During the 1970's

and 80's, Ken had extensive experience in the public sector as General Counsel for the Town of Trenton, Utica City School District, Utica Municipal Housing Authority, and the Common Council of Utica. He also traveled abroad extensively where he successfully negotiated contracts with international corporations and foreign governments. Over the last several decades he engaged in the private practice of law under the name of Kenneth P. Ray, P.C. with offices at 213 Rutger St. in Utica where he represented public and private clients in civil and criminal matters. Ken was profiled in the Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers, and his memberships in professional organizations included The American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, Oneida County Bar Association, American Association of Trial Lawyers, U.S. Court of Claims Bar Association, NY State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Utica Area Chamber of Commerce, and Trenton Chamber of Commerce. Ken was an avid sports fan of his alma mater, Syracuse University, and he loved spending time on his boat navigating the St. Lawrence River, appreciating the scenery and history of the waterway. Recently, Kenneth attended the unveiling of the Ernie Davis statue that he donated to Syracuse University.

Ken is survived by his children and their families: Pamela E. Koshmerl of Glastonbury, CT, Suzanne L. and Jeffrey P. Fraser of Pompano Beach, FL, Kimberly J. and Peter S. Zogby of Athens, GA, K. Paul and Diane L. Ray of Charlton, MA, Andrea E. Ray of New York City, Jolianne A. Ray of Dubai, UAE, and twins Kristina N. Ray of Utica, and Jonathan O. Ray of Barneveld with whom he resided; his grandchildren and their families: Sarah and Jacob Morton of MA, Lacey Herkimer, Brianna Koshmerl, and Hannah Koshmerl, all of CT, Rebekah and Jeremy Silence of Denver, CO, Melissa Fraser of Barneveld, Eric Ray of MA, and Luca Ray Yang of New York City; and his great-grandchildren, Zachary Silence and Madison Silence. Survivors also include his sister, Judith Ray of AZ; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and sister-in-law, Alberta D. Shaw of Sauquoit. Ken also leaves his family friend and physician, Dr. Joseph Booth, and friends Richard

and Cindy Nimey and their family, and the Girmonde family. He was predeceased by his brothers, John S. Ray and Philip A. Ray.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Alicia DeTraglia and her staff, especially acknowledging Kim for their professionalism and regard; and Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. for their care and support.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St. corner of Hammond Ave. In honor of Ken's dedication to higher education, in lieu of floral offerings, contributions may be made to the Ray Family Educational Fund; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Kenneth's funeral service will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. John the Evangelist Church in New Hartford where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Previous Events

Service

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Church
Corner of Oxford and Sherman
New Hartford, NY

Tribute Wall



“ My sincere sympathies to the Ray family...Ken was a great friend and a respected attorney...we shared many interesting stories over the years...may he rest in peace...##imported-begin##Don Marino##imported-end##

October 14, 2008 at 01:11 AM



“ Pam, Brianna & Hannah

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your father and grandfather sounded like a terrific man. He will live on in your hearts and memories.

Love

Eda & Clayton##imported-begin##Eda Koshmerl##imported-end##

October 13, 2008 at 09:58 PM



“ My most sincere condolences on the death of your father, Kenneth Ray. Ken and I met in Fourth Grade at Sarah M Piper School in Frankfort, NY. Over the years our paths have crossed frequently. Ken was intelligent, warm and he possessed a keen sense of humor. Just knowing he has died leaves a void in my memories of the good times we had in grade and high school. Again my sympathy. Ann Bishop Serth##imported-begin##Ann Bishop Serth##imported-end##

October 13, 2008 at 08:14 PM



“ Ken was an excellent attorney, and a good friend. Our professional relationship was one that I will always remember with fondness and respect. Please accept my apologies for being unable to attend services in his honor. Ken will be in my memory, and I will miss him.##imported-begin##Jon W. & Susan H. Brenizer##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May fond memories help to comfort you through this difficult time.

Love, Cathy, Rick and family##imported-begin##Cathy Weller##imported-end##

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“ Ken, Now you never have to remember where you left your car keys. I unlocked your car many times for you and remember I always told you to keep a spare in your other watch pocket. your buddy, Tom##imported-begin##Tom Stilwell##imported-end##

October 12, 2008 at 03:31 PM



“ I've known Ken for nearly 40 yrs. and I have to say that he was one of the men I've ever had the finest men I've had the opportunity to know. He was always there for those he called "friend". He was a tremendous help to me when my parents were ailing and needed an attorney, as well as assisting me in obtaining my first home. He again was there for me when my parents passed and I'll never forget his kindness. The world is a lesser place today without him and he will remain in my heart and in my prayers.##imported-begin##Patricia DeAngelo##imported-end##

October 12, 2008 at 12:20 PM



“ To all of Ken's wonderful family,

You are all in our thoughts and prayers as you begin a new chapter of life without our wonderful Ken. He was such a wonderful, loving, caring man, and we know how deeply he loved you all. Please know that we loved him, appreciated everything he did for us, and will miss him more than words can express. We were so happy to see Ken at the unveiling of the Ernie Davis statue on September 13th, and he was so proud and so happy his family could be with him that day. He and you will always be a part of the SU Athletics family. Our sincere condolences from all Ken's friends at SU Athletics.##imported-begin##Ken's Friends at Syracuse University Athletics##imported-end##

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“ My continuing support and love is extended to my grandchildren, Jolianne A. Ray, Jonathan O. Ray and Kristina N. Ray and to my daughter Jena Rose (Atkins) Ray.##imported-begin##The Rev. Mr. John O. Atkins##imported-end##

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“ I worked for Ken throughout most of the 90s. He taught me much about the law and even more about life.

I will carry the lessons he taught me for the rest of my life and attempt to pass them down to the succeeding generations.

Ken was much more than a boss, he treated me like a son and my love for him was deep. I will miss him and will keep Ken and his family in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Charles Wason##imported-end##

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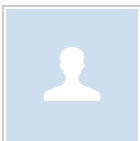


“ Ken was a good friend of mine. He is with God now and not suffering. We had many talks about fishing. We were going to take up fly fishing lessons some day.

Ken sponsored me on my pistol permit some 30 years ago. For that I will never forget him. We talked many times during my Jury Duty. He will be rewarded for his great deeds in helping people. Ken You will be missed Buddy.

Tom##imported-begin##Tom Stilwell##imported-end##

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“ My beloved Uncle Ken was there for me when I needed support or just wanted fatherly advice in the absence of my father, John S. Ray, Sr. I am grateful for all he did for me and the Ray family. I always felt safer and protected with him. I will love you always. The world was a better place with you in it. To my cousins, I will be there for you.##imported-begin##John Ray##imported-end##

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