



Joseph A. Coffey, Jr.

June 1, 1942 - January 22, 2016

Joseph A. Coffey, Jr., of Tequesta, FL, passed away at home surrounded by family on January 22, 2016 following a brief illness. He was born on June 1, 1942 in Philadelphia, PA. He was preceded in death by a son, Joseph John, and a daughter Heather Elizabeth. He is survived by his wife Teresa S. Vandiver Coffey; his children, Robert Christian (Chelsie), Michael Jason, Daniel Justin and nine grandchildren; a sister, Nancy Coffey Catalano of Washington Crossing, PA and brother James Coffey of Stuart, FL; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was a native Southwest Philadelphian who attended Most Blessed Sacrament School, West Catholic School for Boys, LaSalle University and Temple University School of Law. His generous support for education in the Catholic tradition is well documented. His military service included both the US Army and US Air Force. He was the founding partner of Coffey, Kaye, Myers and Olley located in Bala Cynwyd, PA. The son of a railroader, he always prided himself on representing injured railroad employees and others who had been injured in workplace accidents. He retired from the practice of law in 2005. His most famous case was referred to by the losing parties as "the largest jury verdict in the world." Mr. Coffey was a member of the bars of the United States Supreme Court, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and he tried cases throughout the country. He was a member of the Academy of Rail labor Attorneys, the American Trial Lawyers Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, and numerous other professional organizations. He was a

member of Philadelphia Country Club, Jupiter Hills Country Club and The Union League of Philadelphia, the Strathmere Fishing & Environmental Club as well as several gun and fishing clubs. Mr. Coffey was an avid sportsman who enjoyed scuba diving, sport fishing, shooting, archery and hunting. His frequent travels covered the globe from North and South America to Africa, Asia, Europe and Alaska. A visitation will be held at the Villanova University Chapel at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2016 followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Burial will follow immediately at Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in the name of Joseph A. Coffey, Jr. may be made to the Jupiter Medical Center, Jupiter, Florida. To leave online condolences please visit www.taylorandmodeen.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph A. Coffey, Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Theresa, you are in my prayers. I offer you deep sympathy. Love and may beautiful memories sustain you. Jeanne Kiefner*

Jeanne Kiefner - Cherry Hill, NJ - February 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Coffey Family So very sorry for your loss. Joe was a wonderful man, and a great father. He will be missed by many people. Loved hearing all his hunting stories!! He was a great story teller!!! My sympathy goes out to Terry, and all the boys. Our Best, The Wilhelm Family*

nancy wilhelm - gladwyne, Pa., PA - Friend - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Terry,
We were shocked and saddened to hear of Joe's passing. you and your family are in our prayers.
Celeste & Paul*

Paul & Celeste Missett - Newtown Square, PA - Friend - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Leafing through the photos brings back so many wonderful memories. We love you Uncle Joe and will miss you*

Deborah Ruriani - Family - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ We are thinking of u and your family all day today & wish we were close enough to attend the service. We are with u in spirit & r praying for you. Love, Maripat

Maripat & Tom Munley - San Antonio, TX - Friend - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Dear Terry ,Robert, Michael and Daniel : Lyn and I are so deeply saddened by the loss of Joe. Besides being my law partner for the greater part of my law career Joe more importantly was a friend. I looked upon Joe as a mentor , teacher and someone who could be relied upon. We traveled together, along with Clyde and Uncle Larry, to many meetings , outings and legal events. It was like "family" not business. The atmosphere in the office was professional, but with an a feeling of care. Along with Marianne and Larry Katz and Clyde we had a unique bond that made for a great place to work. This can never be duplicated. It was an honor to have known him and call him a friend. It has been said " a person that departs from this earth never truly leaves,for they are still alive in our hearts and minds". Remember the good times ! Please accept our condolences . He will not be forgotten. Mitchell and Lyn Kaye

mittchell kaye - Bala Cynwyd, PA - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Dear Terry, We send our sincere sympathy to you and the family. It's been many years since we've seen you and Joe. We're sad to hear of his passing. He was a larger than life guy, who made quite a difference in the world around him. A brilliant mind. Warmest regards, Pat and Fay Cawley

Patrick J. Cawley Jr - Redmond, WA - Friend - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dear Terry and the family of (my friend) Joseph A. Coffey, Jr. It was my pleasure to know Joe for many years. He was a good friend and will sincerely be missed by me and many others who worked for and with Joe in the office. There was a bond of brothers and sisters who worked in the office. It was not like working, it was like a family reunion each day. Mitchell Kaye, Larry Katz, Larry Coffey, Marianne Rizzo and myself, along with the others who passed through the office will surely miss Joe. He will be in our minds and hearts our entire life, and Joe will be talked about in stories of our lives in the office. Joe will be missed as he was in this passed year's Christmas luncheon. I will always remember trips with Joe and Mitchell to different union meetings all over the country. Joe, I love you and will miss you.

Clyde Cutner - Gladwyne, PA - Friend - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Terry, Rob, Mike & Dan,

Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of Joe. He was a loving husband and father and his charm touched all who came his way. I have very fond memories of Joe from Spring Mill. He was there for me when I needed it most and his kindness and thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. God bless.

Susan Stewart - West Chester, PA - Neighbor - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Terry and family, I was so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I rest assured you have many wonderful memories of a life well lived by Joe. God Bless!

Teresa Malone - Aldan, PA - Friend - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM