



Thomas P Byrne, Esquire

May 7, 1930 - December 29, 2016

THOMAS P. BYRNE, ESQUIRE

On December 29, 2016, Thomas P. Byrne Esquire passed away peacefully. He was the beloved husband of Pamela Byrne. The son of the late Nora and Thomas Byrne, he was born on May 7, 1930 in Hartford Connecticut. He lived for many years in West Hartford and then Avon Connecticut before making his retirement home with Pamela in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

A graduate of Fairfield University and Boston College School of Law, Thomas was twice elected to the State House of Representatives where he represented the town of West Hartford. It was while serving as legal counsel for this town that he was introduced to a field of law that would become the focus of his legal career – zoning law. He was one of the first lawyers in Connecticut to specialize in this area of law which controls how land can be used. He became generally recognized as the 'Dean of Zoning' and his professional advice was valued by cities and towns throughout the state. As the long standing executive director of the Connecticut Federation of Planning & Zoning Agencies, he helped shape the development of zoning law by writing zoning regulations for many municipalities and by presenting testimony and recommendations to the State Legislature. He was well respected by members of his profession which was best evidenced by a Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Award which honored him with the highest rating in legal ability and ethical standards as rated by his colleagues.

He was a long standing member of the Country Club of Farmington and the Avon Country Club and a member of Saint Patrick's Church in Farmington. Through his actions in life, Thomas taught that devotion to family and work must also include time to worship and relax so that a proper balance is maintained in life.

Thomas was predeceased by his first wife Shirley and by his younger brother John (Jack) Byrne. Among his survivors are his daughter Catherine and her son Michael, son Thomas and his son Tommy, son James and his wife Linda and daughter Rachel, son Steven and his wife Sharon and daughters Nicole, Katelyn and Emily, his niece Jaquelin Lessman and the wife of his late brother, Patricia Byrne.

In addition to a private funeral service in Florida, a memorial service will be held at St. Patrick's Church in Farmington CT on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. Friends are invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation be given to Greater Hartford Legal Aid or a charity of the donor's choice

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas P Byrne, Esquire*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss, had shared some time with Thomas and Jack ,at Jacks house september 2008,His cousin.Joe Byrne, ireland*

Joseph Byrne - Johnstown,Ballyhaunis ,Co. M - family - October 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *R.I.P. Tom. We will never understand*

Linda Byrne - Pomfret Center, CT - Family - January 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thomas P Byrne, Esquire*

Geoffrey Colegrove - Durham, CT - January 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hello,Although I didn't know him, I am sorry for your loss of Thomas Byrne, Esquire. He certainly had a full life and was loved by many. I believe I was in a mentor program with his grandson, Tommy, when I worked at ESPN and I would love to contact Tommy, if someone could get back to me via email. I'm pretty sure I have the right person. He was in the Bristol public school system.Thank you and thinking of you and your family. - Shelley-*

Shelley Jones - New Britain, CT - Acquaintance - January 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Best wishes at this sad time to the Byrne family from the Town of Avon*

Linda Sadlon - Simsbury, CT - January 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sorry for your loss may you draw comfort from Gods word at Hosea 13:14 Sincerely. L Ohio*

A friend - January 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Remembering all the good times with the West Hartford gang. Skyped with you about 5 years ago from your brother Jack's house from Cape Cod. You recognized me immediately as did I you. What's left of the old gang and your brother's wife, Pat, still get together for lunch occasionally. Missing you all!!Lois or better know by the gang as Little One*

Lois McHugh - West Hartford/ East Granby, CT - Friend - January 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM