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Thomas J. Neidl



Neidl, Thomas J. ALBANY Thomas J. Neidl, 58, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 23, 2007 at home, surrounded by his loving family. A native and lifelong resident of Albany, Tom grew up on Second Street - a neighborhood that he left many years ago, but which never left him. He was the beloved husband of 35 years to Linda Fisher Neidl, and adored father of Benjamin (Cynthia), Jessica (Bill Brandow), Christopher (Reena Shah), and Phoebe; and loving Pop of Annabelle and Eloise Neidl. He is also survived by his devoted mother, Marie T. Neidl and was predeceased by his father, Michael J. Neidl. Born on January 9, 1949, Tom was a graduate of Our Lady of Angels School, Cardinal Mc-Closkey High School, Siena College and Albany Law School. A revered trial attorney, he practiced law for over thirty-years and impressed colleagues, juries, clients and adversaries with his talent, skill and dogged, unmatched work ethic. After first distinguishing himself as a specialist in narcotics prosecutions under Albany County District Attorney Sol Green-berg, Tom moved on to be deputy chief of Criminal Prosecutions at the New York State Attorney General's Office. His public service was followed with many years in private defense where he amassed a near unparalleled record of victory. In his last years, Tom worked at the Albany County Public Defender's Office, where up until his final days his reputation and presence resonated with the young attorneys he mentored there. Tom could be immediately identified by his trademark white head of hair, and above all his notorious wit and outrageous sense of humor. He had the unique power to introduce the irreverent into even the most austere of contexts - from the courtroom to the county jail - and in the process win laughter and admiration from friends and strangers, alike. Everyone who knew him had a "Tommy Neidl" story. Tom loved books and reading, animals (puppies and monkeys, in particular), Seinfeld and the Three Stooges, and above all, his family, whom he made laugh during every day of his life. In addition to his wife, children, grandchildren and mother, Tom is survived by his brother, Michael Neidl (Bernadette) of Marlboro, Mass., and his mother-in-law, Joan Fisher of Delmar. He was the dear brother-in-law of Jay Fisher, Stephen Fisher, Barbara Lyons (Mark), Nancy Driscoll (John) and Betsy Ryan (William). He is also survived by a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday at 9:30 a.m. in Historic St. Mary's Church on Capitol Hill. Relatives and friends are invited and may call at the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, 490 Delaware Ave., Thursday, from 4-8 p.m. Interment, St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands. Those who wish, may send memorial contributions in Tom's name to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, NENY Chapter, 423A New Karner Rd., Albany, NY 12205 or www.cff.org.

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Thomas J. Neidl

December 25, 2007

Sor sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. Such a very talented, fun loving and great person. He was the kind of guy who people would gather around to listen to his funny stories and jokes. What a great guy and Lawyer. My sincere

Frank Valenti (Cohoes, NY)

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