



Honorable George J. Pulver Jr.

November 3, 1943 - August 27, 2015

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The Honorable George J. Pulver, Jr. age 71 years of Catskill , N.Y. passed away on August 27, 2015.

He was born on November 3, 1943, in Saratoga Springs, New York, the son of the late George J. and Martha (Walsh) Pulver.

Judge Pulver is survived by his wife and best friend of 47 years, Michele Bouchard Pulver, his children Joshua (Adele Abide), Elizabeth, and Alexandra (John Bassett), sisters Jean Hague and Madelyn Jennings and his four grandchildren Alexander, Olivia and Bennett Pulver and Jack Bassett.

He graduated from the University of Bridgeport (B.S.) in 1966 and Albany Law School of Union University (J.D.) in 1969.

He moved to Catskill in 1969, and was employed by the law firm of Fray, Bagley and Chadderdon (1969-1971), the law firm of Bagley, Chadderdon, Pulver and Stiefel (1972-1978), and was Senior Partner at the Law Firm of Pulver and Stiefel (1978-1995). He received the Martindale Hubbell highest rating by distinguished lawyers as to legal ability, faithful adherence to ethical standards and professional reliability and such rating was published in the preeminent National Bar Register.

Judge Pulver was admitted to practice by The New York State Bar 1969, Federal District Court-Northern District 1969, Federal District Court Southern District 1969 and also The United States Supreme Court in 1972.

He held public offices (Elected and Appointed) including Police Justice, Village

of Catskill from 1970-1971, Assistant District Attorney from 1971-1972, Public Defender from 1972-1973, County Attorney from 1974-1995, Committee on Professional Standards, appointed by Appellate Division (3rd Department) 1992-1996, delegate to the Republican Judicial Convention for the 3rd Judicial District, 13 years, Voting Delegate for the State of New York to the 200th Anniversary of the Constitution of the United States, Hudson River Greenway Communities Council appointed by the Greene County Legislature from 1992-1996. Judge Pulver was a member of the Board of Trustees Emery A. Chase Memorial Law Library from October 1993-October 1995, appointed by The Honorable E. Leo Milonas. Judge Pulver was County, Family and Surrogate's Court Judge from January 1, 1996 to December 31, 2013. He was also acting Supreme Court Justice from April 2005 to December 2013. Judge Pulver also helped facilitate the recent renovation of the Greene County Courthouse. Judge Pulver's associations included The Greene County Bar Association from 1969-present (holding the position of President from 1976-1977), The New York State Bar Association from 1969-present, American Bar Association from 1973-present, the New York State Trial Lawyers Association from 1974-1996, The Association of Trial Lawyers of America from 1974-1996, a member of The Greene County Historical Society, member of the Thomas Cole National Historic Site, a member of the Elks, Greene County Magistrates Association, County Judges Association of the State of New York, Association of Family Court Judges of the State of New York and also the Surrogate's Association of the State of New York.

Judge Pulver was a former columnist for the Catskill Daily Mail, publishing "Scales of Justice" weekly. He was also profiled in Dorpfeld's 2014 book, "Legendary Locals of Greene County".

As well as having a distinguished professional career, Judge Pulver was an accomplished golfer, including being a NYS Junior Champion. He excelled at downhill skiing and has run several marathons.

He had a thirst for knowledge and adventure and was a tireless promoter of Catskill and Greene County. He co-founded the Kaaterskill Spring Rush and

initiated local treasure hunts to draw visitors to the area, including “The Lost Treasure of Rip Van Winkle” and “Captain Kidd and the Missing Crown.” He helped to start the 4th of July Fireworks at the Catskill Point in the 1980’s and establish Leggio Park on Main Street in Catskill.

He was a student of local history and had the highest respect for the American legal system. His involvement in the recent restoration of the Greene County Courthouse is a testimonial to his reverence for the justice system and his belief that the building is a symbolic anchor of the community, which must be preserved.

He had a great passion for his family, his creative projects, news, politics, and travel. He was a captivating storyteller, photographer and beekeeper as well. One of his greatest pleasures was mowing the lawn while contemplating upcoming challenges, his place in the universe and planning for his next project.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home, 29 Bross Street, Cairo, N.Y., 12413.

Condolences may be made at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

As per Judge Pulver’s wishes, private cremation services were held. The family will be receiving callers at a celebration of his life at their home at 40 Tanglewood Lane, Catskill, on Monday August 31, 3-6pm. The Greene County Bar Association will be holding a memorial service at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Community Hospice, 47 Liberty Street, Catskill, N.Y. 12414.

Tribute Wall

AR

“ I just received a copy of the Daily Mail announcing George's death from my former partner, Dan Lalor. So many memories from our early days together....walking the streets of the village seeking his election as Police Justice(together with Joe-Boy DiStefano and John Turek who were running for Trustees). All won, of course.

George was a good lawyer, and I'm sure he was a good and fair Judge. His accomplishments were and are noteworthy. Truly a Renaissance man!

Georgia and I send our heartfelt condolences to his wife and family. We're sure he will be sorely missed! Alan Francis Ruf

Alan Francis Ruf - September 14, 2015 at 12:50 PM

KM

“ Dear Michele, Josh, Liz and Alexandra,

I was truly saddened to learn of Judge Pulver's passing. I remember him and all of you well from our time together at AA and AAG. You were a truly loving family who enjoyed each other so much. I know George was a fine judge and attorney who helped many through his works in community and law. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kathy Mrozak

Kathy Mrozak - September 01, 2015 at 06:24 AM

CS

“ Dear Michelle and Family, Proud to have known George and that he was our trusted lawyer. We also considered him a good friend. We skied with him as well. The article in the Daily Mail does justice to him and all that he did for Greene County. The Honorable George J. Pulver. RIP George You will be missed. Mrs. Fred R. Spohler

Carol Spohler - August 31, 2015 at 05:29 PM

GH

“ Dear Michele and family,
May God hold you and comfort you in this time of grief. I am so very, very sorry to hear of George's passing. From his accomplishments and interests I can tell he was an outstanding, exemplary human being. A rare and special person with whom you shared so much. My heart goes out to you and yours.
Love, Glenn

Glenn Horgan - August 31, 2015 at 10:07 AM

LL

“ Linda Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Honorable George J. Pulver Jr.



Linda Lawrence - August 31, 2015 at 09:21 AM

AM

“ I am so deeply sorry to hear of the passing of George. I will never forget the honor he bestowed on me when he asked me years ago to accompany him as he walked and drove through my town on his campaigning for judge, so that I may introduce him to those in my district. I still have some of his campaign memorabilia from that fall day. God Bless you, George, you made a difference.

Arlene McKeon - August 31, 2015 at 08:26 AM

JC

“ What a loss! I remember planning with him and a few others around 1980 the first Kaaterskill Spring Rush. He was so energetic, creative, very gracious and, simply, a good guy! He contributed much to Greene County and all with whom he touched. A loss, a real loss.

Jack Conell - August 29, 2015 at 04:16 PM

MF

“ marybeth and bo favicchio purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Honorable George J. Pulver Jr. .



marybeth and bo favicchio - August 29, 2015 at 04:07 PM

SN

“ Suzanne N. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Honorable George J. Pulver Jr. .



Suzanne N. - August 29, 2015 at 02:17 PM

JB

“ We wish to express our deepest condolences to the Pulver Family.

John and Jeanne Bensen

John and Jeanne Bensen - August 29, 2015 at 01:09 PM

JM

“ *Jacqueline M. purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Honorable George J. Pulver Jr. .*



Jacqueline M. - August 28, 2015 at 03:52 PM