



James C. Steenbergh

January 3, 1928 - May 16, 2020

James C. Steenbergh, 92, of Athens, NY, passed away on May 16, 2020, at St. Peter's Hospice Inn, Albany, NY.

Born January 3rd, 1928, in South Bend, IN James was the son of the late Marvin and Mildred (Yendell) Steenbergh.

In addition to his parents, James is predeceased by his sister Doris Miller who resided in Pensacola, Florida.

James married his loving wife of 59 years, Joan (Murphy) Steenbergh, on November 26, 1960.

During his lifetime, James served his country honorably in both The US Army (WWII) and The US Air Force (Korean War). During his service he was awarded the WWII Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal

James graduated from Albany Law School, Class of 1952. He moved to Athens, NY in 1956 where he practiced law in Greene County for more than 50 years with his partner Ed Cloke at their firm "Steenbergh & Cloke Law Firm". James also served as Asst. District Attorney from 1959-1965. He was appointed District Attorney of Greene County by Gov. Nelson Rockefeller on May 7, 1965, and served as DA until 1981, being reelected five times. He served as counsel to the Greene County Commissioner of Social Services after his time as District Attorney and was also the Town of Athens Attorney for many years.

Survivors in addition to his wife Joan include their children Bill Steenbergh, his wife Beth and their children Ryan, Joseph, and Matthew all of Hyde Park, NY,

Bobby Steenbergh his wife Danielle and their children Nick, Shae, and Zack all of Windermere, FL, and Peggy Santi, her husband Mark and their children Isabelle and Calvin all of Lone Tree, CO. Also survived by his sister Midge McGraw of Hockessin DE.

Due to the current social distancing regulations services will be held privately for the immediate family at Richards Funeral Home, Athens, NY.

Interment with full military honors will take place in the family plot of The Catskill Town Cemetery on Friday, May 22nd, 2020 at 1pm.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to The Coxsackie-Athens Little League, P.O. Box 93, Athens, N.Y. 12015.

Condolences may be made at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Cemetery Details

Catskill Town Cemetery

Jefferson Avenue
Catskill, NY 12414

Previous Events

Graveside

MAY **22**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of James C. Steenbergh.*



May 21, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ *To Jim's family:*

I practiced law with Jim (on opposite sides of the fence) many, many times when I practiced in the Family Court and he was the Attorney for the Department of Social Services. In Court, Jim was a bear. Very aggressive and very effective. It wasn't always a pleasure. Outside the courtroom, however, Jim was one of the kindest most generous people I had ever met. He would give you the shirt off his back and after the case was over, he always would give me tips on how to improve my skills in the courtroom. He made a great contribution to both the law and our community.

DJ Cornelius - May 21, 2020 at 06:43 AM



“ *Joan and Family so sorry to hear of Jim passing. Always a man of hard work and devotion to his family and and country. My contact with Jim over the years was always a pleasure and interesting person to talk to and to work for. Rest in Peace Jim..John A. Houghtaling Port Saint Lucie Fl.*

John Houghtaling - May 20, 2020 at 07:41 PM

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“ *I'm very sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Steenbergh. I have many, many memories of time spent with the Steenbergh family while growing up in Athens. Our thoughts are with the family. Mark & Kris Anspacher, Albany NY*

Mark J Anspacher - May 20, 2020 at 01:49 PM

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“ *My condolences go out from our family to yours. Very sorry for your loss.*

Battista family

Phillip Battista - May 19, 2020 at 07:20 PM