



Ralph C. Hardy Jr.

June 25, 1943 - June 26, 2021

Ralph C. Hardy, Jr. born June 25, 1943, in LaGrange, GA passed away peacefully on June 26, 2021.

Ralph grew up in Park Ridge and Crystal Lake, IL graduating from Crystal Lake High School in 1961, and Beloit College in 1965 where he met his wife, Nancy. He attended Washington University Law School in St. Louis, graduating with honors in 1968. His first job was as a law clerk for Federal Judge Henry Wise in Danville, IL. Moving to Elgin, IL, he joined the law firm of Kirkland, Brady, McQueen, Callahan, and Collins. In 1982, he and Frank Ariano established the two-man firm of Ariano and Hardy which continues today as Ariano, Hardy, Ritt, Nyuli, Richmond, Lytle, and Goettel in South Elgin, and Huntley.

Ralph's civic involvement over the years included, Elgin Jaycees, Fox Valley Music Association, Elgin YMCA Board President, Elgin YMCA Pelicans Swim Team Board President, Elgin Symphony Board, Elgin High Booster Club Board President, legal counsel for Girl Scouts Sybaquay Council, Presence St. Joseph Hospital Board, Grafton Food Pantry volunteer, and serving on the bank boards of Paw Paw, Waterman, and Harris Bank.

A lifelong fan of the Pittsburgh Pirates, Chicago White Sox, and the Illini, in later years Ralph loved following his grandkids' activities, travel, and enjoying life in Huntley where he and Nancy have lived since 2002.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Nancy; three daughters, Elizabeth (Mike) Fischer, Stephanie (Brad) Gries, and Meredith (Bob) Hensel; and six wonderful grandchildren, Matt & Will Fischer, Lauren & Ethan Gries, and Sam & Jack Hensel; and sister, Dianne (Bob) Hoerter.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ralph C. and Natalyn (Pike)Hardy, Sr.; and brother, Stephen Hardy.

Services will be Private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be directed to the Grafton Twp. Food Pantry or the Huntley Area Library.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph C. Hardy Jr.*

January 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Ralph has been a trusted advisor to our family for years. We are shattered by this news and share in the grief that many must be feeling.*

Regina Manning

Mary Beth Manning

Regina Manning - July 02, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ *We are shocked to hear that Ralph is gone. Our hearts break for Nancy and the girls and their families. Our deepest condolences. Dan and Barb Marson.*

Barbara Marson - July 01, 2021 at 10:31 PM



“ *Im so sorry to the Hardy Family for your loss.*



Ursula Buol - June 30, 2021 at 05:28 PM

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“ As decades-long clients who appreciated Ralph's lawyering skills, caring disposition and dry sense of humor, we grieve with all who loved and cared about him. We will miss him.
Tom and Barb Conley, Huntley IL

Tom and Barb Conley - June 30, 2021 at 12:44 PM

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“ I am deeply saddened by Ralph's passing. He was a great mentor and partner for my entire 25 year career as a lawyer. I learned a great deal from Ralph. Most importantly, I learned how to treat clients right and always look out for their best interests. Ralph was a deeply caring person. I considered Ralph a friend and he will be greatly missed.

Scott Richmond - June 29, 2021 at 05:26 PM