



The Honorable Robert Lee Karwacki

August 2, 1933 - June 9, 2014

The Honorable Robert L. Karwacki, died of kidney failure on Monday, June 9, 2014 at his home in Chester, MD. The retired Maryland Court of Appeals judge was 80.

Born on August 2, 1933 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Lee Daniel Karwacki and Marie Budzynski Karwacki, he was raised in the Graceland Park neighborhood of Dundalk, Maryland. A 1950 Mount St. Joseph High School graduate, he earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Maryland. Judge Karwacki was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1956. In 1957 he joined Miles & Stockbridge law firm and later became a partner. Except for a two year leave to work as an Assistant Attorney General, he was a litigator with Miles & Stockbridge until his appointment to the Circuit Court for Baltimore City (then known as the Supreme Bench) in 1973. He served as the administrative Judge of that Court from 1978-1984; became an associate judge of the Court of Special Appeals and held the post from 1984-1990. In 1990 Judge Karwacki was appointed to the state's highest court by Gov. William Donald Schaefer. After his retirement in 1997, he enjoyed his return to the trial courts where he continued to hear cases as a retired judge. During his years of practice and on the bench, he was committed to public service. He chaired the Henderson Commission from 1965-1969, which revised the testamentary laws of the State. He was named as the President of the Baltimore City School Board, during the difficult years of 1970-1971. He was appointed to the Juvenile Justice Commission in 1975. He was a member

of the Lawyers Roundtable of Baltimore, the Wednesday Law Club, an instructor at the University of Maryland School of Law, a Fellow of the Maryland Bar Foundation and recipient of A Man for All Seasons award of the St. Thomas More Society.

Judge Karwacki is survived by his wife, the former Marion Elizabeth Harper; children: Ann Karwacki Goodman and her husband Jamie of Centreville, Maryland, L. Daniel Karwacki and his wife Kelly of Edgemere, Maryland and John Robert Karwacki and his wife Cindy of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.; a sister, Mary Jo Martin of Baltimore; and beloved grandchildren: Matthew, Jessica, Rebecca, Robert Lee II, Faith, Emily, Jesse Deal and Chelsea. His first wife, Patricia Deal Karwacki, died in 1972.

A memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 1:00 pm at St. Christopher's Roman Catholic Church, 1861 Harbor Drive, Chester, MD.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations may be made to the Hospice of Queen Anne's County, 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617 or the Chesapeake College Foundation, P.O. Box 8, Wye Mills, MD 21679.

Online condolences may be made at www.fhnfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Mass

JUN 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church
1861 Harbor Drive
Chester, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *The Honorable Robert Lee Karwacki*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *The Honorable Robert Lee Karwacki*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *The Honorable Robert Lee Karwacki*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Elizabeth Swaine lit a candle in memory of
The Honorable Robert Lee Karwacki*



Elizabeth Swaine - June 16, 2014 at 07:12 PM



“ *Its been 30 years since I clerked for Judge Karwacki and I still remember his wit and intellect like it was yesterday. The time he spent mentoring his law clerks was above the call of duty and probably influenced the course of Maryland law almost as much as his well written and thoughtful appellate opinions. The Maryland legal community will miss this gentleman lawyer.*

F.J. Collins - June 16, 2014 at 09:22 AM

TF

“ Some of the best memories I have of my youth were spending time with my aunt, uncle and cousins at Goodale Rd. and in Betterton. Uncle Bob was a great lawyer, a thinker and in a world of givers and takers he was truly a giver in more ways than one. Uncle bob you will surely be missed. Thanks for all that you did.

Thomas

Tom Fitzsimmons - June 13, 2014 at 09:02 AM

TJ

“ Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of The Honorable Robert Lee Karwacki



Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - June 12, 2014 at 08:29 PM

LA

“ Laird And Pat Adams lit a candle in memory of The Honorable Robert Lee Karwacki



Laird and Pat Adams - June 12, 2014 at 07:29 PM

GC

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of The Honorable Robert Lee Karwacki



Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - June 12, 2014 at 04:42 PM

JP

“ *JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of The Honorable Robert Lee Karwacki*



JoAnn & Royden Powell - June 12, 2014 at 04:34 PM

CC

“ *Marion and family, You are in my thoughts at this time and. I am so sorry for your loss. You have so many good memories of him that will help you through your time of sorrow. He was a wonderful man and he will be missed by so many people that he touched in his lifetime. May God hold you tightly.*

Carol Carson (Parks)

Carol Carson - June 12, 2014 at 11:38 AM

MT

“ *Mrs. Karwacki,
You were an amazing caregiver. It was a honor to work with you and the Judge. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that your strong faith and trust in God will help you to heal as your journey continues. May God please you.
Michelle Tuttle*

michelle Tuttle - June 11, 2014 at 07:21 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dean lit a candle in memory of The Honorable Robert Lee Karwacki*



Debbie Dean - June 11, 2014 at 07:14 PM

TG

“ *The Caregiver's Support Group lit a candle in memory of The Honorable Robert Lee Karwacki*



The Caregiver's Support Group - June 11, 2014 at 01:52 PM

JA

“ *Ms. Marion and family- I am so sorry for your loss, but feel at ease knowing Judge Karwacki is free from the disease that changed not only his life, but yours as well. You were an absolutely awesome caregiver! My first wish for you is to find peace and comfort in all the wonderful memories! My second wish for you is to rest, reflect, and then, renew!*
With love,
Jane Anthony

Jane Anthony - June 11, 2014 at 01:49 PM