



Hon. Philip R. Dunn

July 3, 1930 - January 5, 2009

Dunn, Philip R. Hon. Philip R. Dunn of West Hartford, beloved husband of Elizabeth S. Dunn, passed away peacefully, Monday January 5, 2009 after a long illness with his family by his side. He will always be remembered for his kindness, generosity and for always having a smile, a joke and a kind word for his family and friends. He was born in Holyoke Massachusetts on July 3, 1930, to Stephen P. and Mary O'Leary Dunn. He was a 1953 graduate of Holy Cross College and a 1956 graduate of Georgetown Law School. He practiced law at Jackson, O'Keefe and Dunn before his appointment to the Superior Court in 1989, by Governor William A. O'Neill. He was especially fond of his work as a Judge and appreciated the friendship of the many Judges, State's Attorneys, Public Defenders and court staff with whom he was privileged to serve during his years on the bench. He was a longtime resident of West Hartford where he was a communicant of The Church of St. Helena. He served on the West Hartford Town Council. He also served as the West Hartford Corporation Council and was a longtime member of the West Hartford Democratic Town Committee. He served on the Capitol Center Commission, Law Revision Commission and the Probate Reform Committee. He also served as Counsel to the Grievance Committee for many years. He was past president of the Kiwanis Club and Toastmasters. In addition to his wife of 46 years he is survived by five children, Philip R. Dunn, Jr. and his wife Kimberly of Farmington, CT, Elizabeth A. Conyngham and her husband Kevin of Ridgewood, N.J., Christopher J. Dunn and his wife Carolann of Rockville

Centre, N.Y., Peter C. Dunn and his wife Lilybeth of Lagrangeville, N.Y., and Marie L. Durnan and her husband Christopher of Long Beach, N.Y. He is also survived by ten grandchildren, Brian, Grace and Kerry Dunn, Isabel Conyngham, Gregory, Christopher and Julia Dunn, Olivia Dunn, and Lucy and Christopher Durnan. He also leaves many cherished nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers Edmund Dunn, Stephen Paul Dunn and William Dunn. His family would like to thank the staff at Saint Mary Home in West Hartford for the excellent and compassionate care he received during the final months of his life. He was thankful that he was able to spend his last summer at his cottage in Old Lyme where he was always at peace on his porch and in the company of his children and grandchildren who brought him such pride and joy. Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Avenue West Hartford has charge of the funeral arrangements. Calling hours will be Thursday January 8, 2009 from 4:00—7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. A funeral mass will be celebrated at The Church of Saint Helena 30 Echo Lane, West Hartford on Friday January 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ To the Dunn family,
I am sorry to hear about the loss of Judge Philip Dunn.
Judge Dunn was the lawyer I had used when I purchased my first
house. I had just moved over from Ireland to the U.S.

Sympathy and blessings,

Thomas V. Yourell and family.##imported-begin##Thomas V
Yourell##imported-end##

January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I was saddened to hear the news of Judge Dunn's passing. I have
many fond memories of both West Hartford, and Old Lyme. I was
always greeted with warmth and friendship in the Dunn
home.##imported-begin##Patrick Yourell##imported-end##

January 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We wanted to express our condolences and prayers for Mr. Dunn's
passing. The faith and kindness of his family is certainly a reflection
on his own virtues. God Bless you all.

Paul & Marianne Lawless##imported-begin##Paul & Marianne
Lawless##imported-end##

January 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *It is with deep sympathy that we send our condolences. I know how much each of you honored and cherished your Dad. His quick wit and wonderful sense of humor lives through each of you... May the love and support of family and friends help you through this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Jill and Richard Morahan##imported-end##*

January 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Phil Dunn & Family,*

We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad, our condolences and sincere sympathy are with you all. Your Dad was truly a great man and his legacy will live on forever in all of you. He will certainly be missed at Old Lyme Shores. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Chip & Luanne Merritt##imported-end##

January 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To Mrs. Dunn, Phil, Liz, Chris, Peter and Marie;

Please accept our deepest sympathies as we pray for your continued strength, and your comfort in the times ahead. Although I don't visit Old Lyme as often as I would like, it is easy for me to recall my childhood memories of Mr. Dunn's commentary and occasional appearance at the Brightwater Corner Whiffle Ball Games. He always livened up the atmosphere. And whether I came across him walking Rosie, or if he happened to call out to me from the porch, he always had a smile, a funny comment and seemed genuinely interested in what us kids were up to. Our parents blessed us with a wonderful gift of childhood memories of Old Lyme and lifetime friends.

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, be with you at this time.##imported-begin##Marty, Patti, Andrew and Peter Merritt##imported-end##

January 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Our prayers are with you and your family
Carol and John Gould##imported-begin##Carol and John
Gould##imported-end##

January 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Phil Dunn and Family,

Our family extends their sincere sympathy at the loss of a great man. His legacy will live on through his children and grandchildren. May you find peace in knowing that he is at peace now.##imported-begin##Matt Merritt##imported-end##

January 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Dunn and Family:

We will always remember Mr. Dunn's kindness and good company over the years. Your beautiful family is the result of a fine example set by both you and Mr. Dunn.

Our condolences-

The Cifarelli Family

Joseph, Lorraine

Joseph, Jacqueline and Maggie##imported-begin##Joseph and Lorraine Cifarelli##imported-end##

January 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We want to express our deepest sympathy to the entire Dunn Family. The Judge will be missed.

with love and support, Fayne & Mark Lewis and John

Duhaime.##imported-begin##Fayne Ann Lewis##imported-end##

January 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM