



Atty. Jan van der Werff

December 13, 1959 - June 21, 2013

Attorney Jan van der Werff, 53, the husband of Susan (Lafontaine) van der Werff, died suddenly Friday June 21, 2013 at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford. Jan lived in Hartford for most of his life moving to Bloomfield nine years ago. He was the son of the late Dr. Jacob and Anne (Gilmartin) van der Werff. He was a graduate of Northwest Catholic High School "78", and earned his undergraduate (Magna cum laude) and law degrees from the University of Connecticut. Over the years he practiced in many areas of the law, but his expertise was as a proficient and noted workers' compensation attorney, who was devoted to the welfare of his clients and co-workers. Most recently he practiced in Windsor, CT at Pavano & van der Werff, LLC. He was a member of the CT Bar Association and the CT Trial Lawyers Association.

He is survived by his wife Susan of Bloomfield, his son Ian P. van der Werff of New Haven, his daughter, Jennifer Reese and granddaughter Olivia Purcell both in Windsor. His brothers Andreas L. van der Werff of Ocean City, MD, and Nicholas J. van der Werff and his wife Brenda of South Sutton, NH also survive him. He was predeceased by his parents and his sister Maria Pirie. He also leaves several nieces and nephews who loved him greatly and will miss the numerous funny stories he was famous for telling. He also leaves his devoted and trusted paralegal, Susan Vincent, who he relied on each and every day and who never let him down.

Friends are invited to join Jan's family at a Memorial Service on Thursday June 27th at 11:00 a.m. in the Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave.

West Hartford. Private interment of his ashes will be at a later date. Calling hours will be Wednesday June 26th from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. Donations in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer Assn., CT Chapter, 2075 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 100, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 or Habitat for Humanity 780 Windsor St. Hartford, CT 06120. Online remembrances may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Service

JUN **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KM

“ Sue, Jenn and Ian my family and I were so saddened to hear about Jan sending you our love and sympathy during this time of sorrow...I won't forget making those phone calls when in need of a good lawyers opinion and he always gave the best advice no matter what the call...He will be deeply missed by all who loved and knew him...Karen Michaud

Karen Michaud - June 26, 2013 at 04:06 PM

EK

“ jan was imperfect in his humanness, but perfect in his heart.....thats the part i will always remember about him- it was clearly evident whenever we were together and i will cherish that memory- love to him, his family and his friends.... e.w. kraucunas

e.w. kraucunas - June 26, 2013 at 08:13 AM

EJ

“ I have many great memories of Jan in our younger days and moments that are so heartening, funny and enjoyable that I remember them like they were yesterday. I haven't seen Jan in many years since but these thoughts and memories I have with him and carry forward make me thankful and fortunate to have known him and experienced part of my life with him. My deepest sympathies go to Jan's wife, children and the rest of the van der Werff family.

Eddie DiPillo Jr - June 26, 2013 at 02:11 AM

VS

“ Susan: We cant tell you how shocked and saddened we were to hear of Jan's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathies. Van Starkweather & Judi Ulikowski

PS Call if there is anything we can do or if you just want to talk please call. (same # 860-456-8194)

Van Starkweather - June 25, 2013 at 03:18 PM

DP

“ He was a great lawyer, but, more importantly, a great human being. I was honored to know him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and co-workers. I will never forget him.



Dean M. Patrie - June 25, 2013 at 11:11 AM

TR

“ I've only known Jan for 6 years but what a great guy! We had a lot of laughs!



Tom R - June 24, 2013 at 10:38 AM

DG

“ I too AM shocked and saddened to read about Jan. Susan, I am so very sorry and if I can do anything at all, please let me know. My deepest condolences to Jan's family and children. I wish I could help lessen the pain you must feel. God Bless you all. ~ Donna Gemborys

Donna Gemborys - June 24, 2013 at 10:27 AM

TS

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear about Jan. I will miss his intelligence and sense of humor. Condolences to Susan, Ian and Jen as well as his brothers and other family members.

Terence Sexton - June 24, 2013 at 09:21 AM

SM

“ Jan was extremely gifted and he made this world a more compassionate, forgiving place. It has been my privilege and pleasure to have known him. My deepest sympathies are extended to his wife and family. Sally McGoldrick

Sally McGoldrick - June 24, 2013 at 07:34 AM

JJ

So sorry to hear of Jan's passing - he was a very good attorney and i will miss talking to him, and hearing about his fishing trips to the Cape.

Joe Cogguillo III - June 26, 2013 at 09:19 AM

WR

I am so sorry to hear of Jan's passing. He was a wonderful Atty. and a great friend. There was not one thing he would not do for you.. I miss you Jan.

Bill Rankin

William Rankin - August 01, 2013 at 11:32 AM

RP

We were very shocked and saddened to hear of Jan's passing. He certainly left this world too soon. Our special condolences to his wife and children and co-workers.

Rick and Regina Potter clients

Regina Potter - August 19, 2013 at 10:51 AM