



Harold J. Ruvoldt Jr.

September 17, 2023

We are saddened to share that Harold J. Ruvoldt Jr. of Haworth, formerly of Jersey City, passed away on Sunday, September 17, 2023.

Devoted husband, father, grandfather, friend, and esteemed attorney, Harold was a graduate of Xavier High School, St. Peter's College, Seton Hall Law School, and Rutgers University Business School.

Harold had a long and distinguished career as a trial and appellate lawyer. He was a partner in both small firms and AmLaw 200 firms in both New York and New Jersey. In addition to private practice, he served in civic roles as Hudson County Prosecutor, Hudson County Counsel, and Jersey City Counsel. He was an innovative and creative litigator. Among his many accomplishments was instituting and winning *Robinson v. Cahill*, a case which reformed public school funding in New Jersey. He taught courses in trial skills and ethics.

An avid golfer, prolific writer, and enthusiastic mentor, Harold enjoyed time spent in the company of friends and world travel. His many hobbies over the years included baking, scuba diving, photography, and many years sailing the coastal waters of New York and New Jersey.

He was the beloved father of Maria Ruvoldt and Margaret Ruvoldt, loving grandfather of Jack Malamud, Alec Hoffman, Zhana Hoffman, and Hilary

Malamud, and loving father-in-law of Jason Malamud and Darren List. Harold was also dear uncle to Alison and Jim Campoli and caring great-uncle to Patrick Casteneda and Carly Campoli. He is also survived by his dear friend and law partner of 27 years, Cathy Fleming, and her family.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Marie "Scotty" Egan Ruvoldt, his sister Arlene Chiapetta, and his nephew Marc Chiapetta.

Friends may call at the Barrett Funeral Home, Wednesday September 20, 2023 between 4 PM and 8 PM 148 Dean Drive, Tenafly, N.J., Funeral Mass at 10AM on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at St. Therese of Lisieux Church, 120 Monroe Ave, Cresskill. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Harold's name may be made to the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, an organization that had an important impact on Harold's life and all those who loved him. (<https://www.hazeldenbettyford.org>).

Cemetery Details

Interment Private

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

SEP **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux Church
120 Monroe Ave
Cresskill, NJ 07626-1405
(201) 567-2528

Tribute Wall

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“ Harold was simply an extraordinary person. In all regards. I met and worked for and with him as a lawyer. No matter the challenge, regardless of the rage of the storm (the matters people brought to him for his help were rarely easy), Harold was calm and assured. He protected his clients in a way that so many lawyers think they do but do not, and certainly not like Harold did. As the friend I was lucky to become, Harold was also truly extraordinary. We did not need to be in constant contact, but he was always there for me. It was simple - Harold was my friend, I was his, and that was that. Loyal. Trustworthy. Fun. Funny. All these words apply, of course, but they ring hollow somehow as they fail to describe how really great a friend he was. My condolences to the Ruvoldt and Fleming families and all Harold's loved ones and friends. Ave atque vale to a true Son of Xavier. Tom Curran.

Thomas J. Curran - September 29, 2023 at 08:28 AM

RK

“ I knew and was a friend of Harold Ruvoldt, Jr. and also his great father Harold Ruvoldt, Sr., their law offices were on the corner of Lembeck and Ocean Avenues in Jersey City. Harold if I recall resided on Danforth Avenue. We were always together with Harold Sr., Councilman Tom McGovern, Joe DIMartino all great Greenville legends. We served on the Board of St. Ann's Home for the Aged and every year would run a Gala in the Highhat Restaurant in Bayonne raising thousands for the home.

I continue to reside in Jersey City and am entering my 55th year of employment with Hudson County.

God Bless and rest Harold's soul.

Bob Knapp, Jersey City

Continue resident of the Greenville Section

Robert Knapp - September 25, 2023 at 04:02 PM

LV

“ Dear Cathy ,

I just learned the very sad news of Harold passing. It saddened me and my wife Caroline very much. We were so sorry to hear of this. Our thoughts are with you and Harold's Family.

It is hard to know what to say at the time like this. But know that our thoughts are with you.

With kind regards

Leen and Caroline

London United Kingdom

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“ *Maria, Margret, Cathy, family, I am so sorry for your great loss. I pray the Lord heals your hearts. In 1988, God sent me Harold to save my life with his gentle empathy and his God-given gift of righteousness and devotion to friends and family. As with so many others, Harold was my angel from heaven here on earth. My heart is sad to lose him back to heaven, but I know he is eternally happy. Always in my heart and in my prayers, Love Patricia.*

Patricia Corea - September 22, 2023 at 12:52 PM

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“ *I met Harold when he and Cathy helped me with a personal legal issue. A kinder, more caring and brilliant attorney will never exist. Wherever he is now, he's helping others. Much love to Harold and his daughters and to Cathy for their loss*

Bonnie Klapper - September 19, 2023 at 11:16 AM