

CHARLES' OBITUARY



Charles J. Zaroulis

September 24, 1936 - January 31, 2021

Attorney Charles J. Zaroulis of Tewksbury died at Lowell General Hospital on January 31, 2021, with his wife at his side, of complications due to Covid-19. He is survived by his beloved wife of 34 years, Jacqueline (Rochette) Zaroulis. He will be lovingly remembered by his daughters Katherine Zaroulis of Lexington, MA, and Alexandra Zaroulis and husband William Hanson, Jr., of Newton, MA. Charles cherished his beloved young granddaughters, Tenley, Willa, and Ellery Hanson. Also surviving him are his brother Andrew Zaroulis and wife Karin Theodoros of Tewksbury, MA, Nancy Zaroulis Sullivan, of Newton, who was his first wife and is the mother of his daughters, his nephew James Zaroulis of Lowell, his niece Maria Zaroulis Saunders and husband Jeffrey of Tewksbury, MA, and his cousin James Zaroulis and wife Claire McKenney of Ipswich, MA.

Charles was predeceased by his parents, James K. Zaroulis and Sophia (Tzicopoulos) Zaroulis and his brother George Zaroulis. He is a cousin to the Kelakos, Behrakis, Tsapatsaris, and Zaroulis families.

In addition, Charles is survived by his stepchildren Mark Reynolds and wife Julie Ann of Pembroke, NH, Cheryl Losier and husband David of Tewksbury, MA, and Paul Reynolds and wife Melissa of Chelmsford, MA, his step-grandchildren, Jaimie-Lee Musen, Kory and Kristopher Reynolds, Zachary and Suzanne Reynolds, and step-great granddaughters Clarke and Ella Reynolds, and step-great grandsons, Jeremy and James Reynolds.

Charles was born and raised in the Acre section of Lowell. He graduated from the Bartlett School, Lowell High School, and Suffolk University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and from Suffolk Law School with a Juris Doctorate degree. He was admitted to the Legal Bar in 1959 then served in the United States Army from 1961 to 1965 and was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon for Meritorious Service.

Thereafter, Atty. Zaroulis entered into the private practice of law. He served as Town Counsel for the Town of Tewksbury from 1968 to 2021 and Town Counsel for the Town of Tyngsborough from 1989 to 2018. He also served as School District Counsel for the Nashoba Valley Technical High School District for more than 25 years and as special counsel for various other municipalities.

Atty. Zaroulis was founder and original incorporator of Merrimack Valley Legal Services, Inc., now called Northeast Legal Aid, Inc., providing legal services for low income clients. He served as Director, President, and Trustee of the Greater Lowell Family YMCA for over forty years and was past President and Executive Director of the Massachusetts City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association, now called the Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers Association, Inc., and was a past President and Director of the Greater Lowell Bar Association.

For 30 years, Charles and his wife Jacqueline (Jackie) maintained a home, first in Ashland, NH, and then in Sandwich, NH, where they enjoyed the company of family and friends on many ski weekends in winter, beach and boating weekends in summer, and the annual Sandwich Fair in the fall. During the years in Sandwich, NH, they enjoyed many cultural events and recreational activities in the Lakes Region and in the several mountain ranges in the area. Charles was an avid vegetable gardener; his leeks and carrots won him blue ribbons at the annual Sandwich Fair. He and Jackie took great pleasure in observing many species of birds and other wild life in the meadows adjacent to their yellow house, and especially enjoyed their many Sandwich friends.

Because of the pandemic, a celebration of Charles' life will be held in the future. Remembrances may be made to the Greater Lowell Family YMCA, 35 YMCA Drive, Lowell, MA 01852, or by making a tribute gift to Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, PO Box 173, Holderness, NH 03245.

Funeral services were private and under the direction of M.R. LAURIN FUNERAL HOME, Directors, Louis M. Fazio III and Scott Laurin.