



Thomas E. Clement

September 9, 1932 - March 20, 2016

Pittsford. March 20, 2016 at age 83. Predeceased by his parents, Andrew and Dorothy; brothers, Martin and Andrew. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Marion; children, Christopher (Teri), Thomas (Lisa), Peter (Julie), Martha (Richard) Rochford; grandchildren, Anna, Abby, Max, Allie, Haley, Glennie (Rob) Burkhart, Ernest, Ella, Lucy, Nina, Sally; sisters, Gail (Brian) Hanlon, Muriel Leonard.

Tom Clement was born and raised in the North Country, where he developed the traits of hard work and devotion to family and friends that characterized his life. Tom loved spending time on Lake Ontario, where he developed an abiding respect for big water after some close calls in summer squalls. At St. Lawrence University Tom was a founding member of the Singing Saints a capella group, who appeared on the Steve Allen television show. Most significantly, he wooed fellow student Marion Flotow, whom he married on May 7, 1955. By then, Tom's first year at Cornell Law School had been interrupted by a call up to active duty in the United States Army. After Tom's service in the Army JAG Corps at Fort Benjamin Harris, Tom and Marion returned to Ithaca. Tom graduated from Cornell Law School in 1959 and joined the law firm of Nixon, Hargrave, Devans & Doyle in Rochester.

At Nixon Hargrave Tom focused on corporate law, and he was quickly named a partner in the firm. During a period of growth and change for the Rochester business community, Tom helped shape the fortunes of many local companies. Tom became the trusted counselor to Gannett, Genesee Brewing Company, and scores of other companies, each of which relied on Tom's clear thinking and impeccable judgment. Tom represented Gannett when it transformed into a public company in 1967. Later, when Gannett moved its headquarters from Rochester to northern Virginia in 1985, it asked Tom and a team of Nixon Hargrave lawyers to make the move as well. Tom and Marion spent the next twelve years shuttling between Rochester and Washington, a time they called "a great adventure."

Tom's skills and judgment were also highly valued by his firm. As Chairman and member

of the firm's Management Committee, Tom guided Nixon Hargrave's dramatic growth in Rochester and successful expansion to New York City and Washington, D.C. Tom's greatest legacy at his firm is a personal one: the profound impact he had as mentor and role model to generations of lawyers at Nixon Hargrave. Universally regarded as a man of principle, Tom's word was his bond. Tom's imposing presence and high expectations were invariably combined with considerable warmth and a genuine interest in helping his colleagues, particularly younger lawyers. Tom was renowned for his loyalty to his clients, his colleagues, and his firm.

Tom was deeply loyal to the Rochester community, and his active involvement in many local non-profit organizations spanned decades. Tom provided thoughtful and visionary leadership, and he helped several organizations develop solid foundations for growth. Through Tom's work for Genesee Brewery, including his service on the Genesee Board of Directors, Tom and Genesee's President, Jack Wehle, developed a strong relationship of friendship and mutual respect. He joined Jack Wehle and others in establishing Genesee Country Village and Museum in the 1960s and served the organization for nearly 50 years. He sat on the board of St. Joseph's Villa, strengthening the organization's ability to rebuild the lives of children at risk. At a critical time for Hochstein Music School in the 1970s, Tom led the transformational move to the school's current building on Plymouth Avenue which created benefits and opportunities still felt today. Tom faithfully served McQuaid Jesuit High School and Our Lady of Mercy High as they grew and changed, including serving on Mercy's first lay Board at a key moment in the school's history. Tom was grateful to be part of the Rochester community, and was deeply committed to giving back.

Tom developed a passion for birding, and was often seen with binoculars on the ski slopes. Most of his pastimes, however, involved family and friends, such as golf with his brothers and his sons and paddle tennis matches that evolved into a forty-year tradition of weekly dinners with lifelong friends. Tom relished the sunsets over Canandaigua Lake and Henderson Harbor, time with Marion and family at Hilton Head and the Outer Banks, and his many trips with Marion and other couples that led them across the United States and to Ireland, Austria, Southeast Asia, Italy, France and England. Tom's greatest joy was the absolute delight he took in simply spending time with his grandchildren and watching them grow.

Tom Clement was an irreplaceable presence in his family and his community. He leaves a profound legacy as a man of character and integrity, and he will be deeply missed.

Friends may call Monday, 4-7 PM at the funeral chapel (2305 Monroe Ave.). A Funeral

Mass will be held Tuesday, 10 AM at Our Lady of Lourdes, 150 Varinna Dr. Rochester, 14618. Interment at White Haven Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hochstein School of Music & Dance, www.Hochstein.org; The Genesee Country Village and Museum, www.gcv.org, Our Lady of Mercy High School, www.mercyhs.com or McQuaid Jesuit High School, www.mcquaid.org.

Events

MAR **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00AM

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Anthony Funeral Chapels, Brighton
2305 Monroe Ave., Rochester, NY, US, 14618

MAR **Service** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Our Lady of Lourdes Church
150 Varinna Drive, Rochester, NY, US, 14618

MAR **Interment**

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White Haven Memorial Park
210 Marsh Road, Pittsford, NY, US, 14534

Comments



“ To Mrs. Clement:

I have been a legal secretary for 53 years this June. I started out with Stephen H. Waite, Esq. when I was one week out of high school and just 17 years old. Your husband had his office close to Mr. Waite's office. Mr. Clement was always so pleasant to me and kind. He treated me like an equal, and I will never ever forget his kindness to a greenhorn kid straight out of high school. May he rest in peace in God's loving arms.

Diane Gowin

Diane Gowin - March 28, 2016 at 05:48 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Clement.



March 25, 2016 at 04:28 PM



“ Marion: So sorry to hear of you and your family's loss. Times like this are most difficult. I wish you strength and comfort. Over the years I've thought of Tom frequently. God Bless: Lee Edwards

Lee Edwards - March 25, 2016 at 11:46 AM



“ Dear Marion,
I remember our dinner at Fr. Joe Hart's dinner. My thoughts and prayers are with you and for Tom this weekend. He will be greatly missed but has given so much to his family and our community. Be well. Peace, Fr. Kevin.

Kevin Murphy - March 25, 2016 at 10:00 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Clement.



March 23, 2016 at 03:06 PM



“ Muriel Clement Leonard lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Clement



muriel clement leonard - March 23, 2016 at 01:43 PM



“ Julie Chantra lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Clement



Julie Chantra - March 23, 2016 at 12:41 PM



“ Dear Marion,

My deepest sympathy to you on the death of your dear Tom. He was one of my favorite people at NHD&D. I know how much you love him. He was a dear. What a beautiful legacy you and Tom have left to this world in the persons of your beautiful family. May he rest in peace, eternally.

Alice Bayer Middleton, McLean, VA

Alice Middleton - March 23, 2016 at 10:23 AM



“ Barb Stress-Claytor lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Clement



Barb stress-Claytor - March 23, 2016 at 12:48 AM



“ Gail and Family, Very sorry to hear of your brother's passing. I pray HE wraps you all in HIS mercy and gives you strength to get thru this time of loss.

Barb Stress-Claytor
Albuquerque, NM

Barb stress-Claytor - March 23, 2016 at 12:51 AM



“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the Clement family on Tom's passing. I had the great pleasure of working with and for Tom at Nixon, Hargrave - he was one of the kindest, fairest and most respectful person I have ever known. It was an honor and privilege to know and work with him. I'm sure he will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Sincerely, Julie Chantra

Julie Chantra - March 23, 2016 at 12:39 PM