



# John R. Rinaldi

AUG 9, 1924 - OCT 19, 2012



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## **John R. Rinaldi**

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**J**ohn R. Rinaldi, 88, passed away on Friday at his home in Syracuse. He was a lifelong resident of Syracuse and a World War II Veteran. John graduated from Lemoyne College and Syracuse University School of Law. He practiced law in Syracuse for over 50 years.

John was a generous, colorful and lovable man with a gift for spreading fun and laughter to all whose lives he touched.

During his illness, John was lovingly cared for by Shawn Patterson, Rae Ann Hayden, Anthony (Say) Taylor and Beverly Shider.

John is survived by his loving wife, Mary (Darminio) Rinaldi; his children, Stephanie Charlip of Boston, John R. Rinaldi, Jr. of Dewitt and Gregory Rinaldi of Minoa; grandchildren, Allie, Annie and Jeffrey Charlip of Boston and Gavin Rinaldi of Minoa; his brother, Angelo Rinaldi of Fayetteville along with many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 9:00 am in the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME and 10:00 am in Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery. Family and friends may call at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse on Tuesday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Donations may be made to Symphony Syracuse Foundation, PO Box 932, Syracuse, NY 13201.



# Events

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## Visitation

 **Tuesday**, October 23, 2012


 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

 **Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**  
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212



## Service

 **Wednesday**, October 24, 2012


 9:00 AM ET


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## Funeral Mass

 **Wednesday**, October 24, 2012

 10:00 AM ET

 **Our Lady of Pompei - St. Peter Church**  
301 Ash St., Syracuse NY 13208





# Tribute Wall

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**Mary Jane Galuppi** lit a candle in honor of John .

To the Rinaldi Family John was a caring loving person, we had many great times in Syracuse at Galuppi's, many laughs. He was a true gentleman. . My husband Chubby used to tell us that his father would always tell John when he went to Leymone "don't be late someday you will a lawyer" and what a fine lawyer he became. My thoughts and prayers are with you all John will be missed. Remember to cherish all of the memories you have and also remember he will always be with you He now rests in a higher court with the Lord. God Bless you all Love Mary Jane Galuppi & Family Las Vegas NV



October 22 at 8:48 PM



**Judy Stauffer** posted:

It was 13 years ago this month that I walked into the offices of John Rinaldi, Esq., I had just re-made my life again after graduating from the SU Paralegal program, I was actually hired by another attorney that had no office space so he put me in with Mary and John. I was clueless had the book smarts but not the real life how to John and Mary taught me the ropes. Thank you both. I would also like to thank them both for helping me through my fathers illness and death John prayed for my father every night. Sending chocolate turtles to John in heaven (yeah I saw you sneak them into your pockets) Thank You both for helping me to be the professional I am today. {{hugs}}

October 22 at 2:49 PM



**Judge Jack Schultz (Ret.) Town Of Dewitt** posted:

John Rinaldi was a true gentleman and a fine lawyer. If our private practices brought us together, either as adversarys or on the same side, John was a joy to be with. His stories and pixyish smile made you love him. I recall on more than one occasion, the Town of DeWitt Court would be adjourned for the night, the court locked up and everybody was getting ready to leave when there came a knock on the outside door.. Behind that knock was John Rinaldi, Esq. We always re-opened the door for John and the clerks and I would be ready to laugh as John always started out, "I'm a little late Judge and the reason is-----"Make no mistake though, John Rinaldi always represented his client in the highest tradition of the Bar. My condolences to Angelo and the family. John will be sorely missed. Judge Jack Schultz (ret.)

October 22 at 2:04 PM



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DM

**Diane Milovicz** posted:

This is very sad news. John was a good friend and was always there when we needed him. I loved his sense of humor and his "absent-minded professor" ways. I'm so sorry for you, the family.

October 22 at 10:17 AM

RG

**Robert/Tina Galuppi** posted:

Our prayer's are with the Family in their loss of a wonderful and loving man today... Miles and years have separated our wonderful memories of so many good times together, but John's unforgettable Love and concern for others made Him the person He was... John was a good and great person in our lives and will never be forgotten... God is with you Mr Rinaldi, and thank you for being a much remembered part of our lives... To his family today, our condolences, you have been blessed in your years together with John... Robert/Tina Galuppi, Pahrump, Nevada

October 22 at 10:00 AM

PC

**Penny Comer** posted:

I am truly saddened to hear of John's passing. He was an amazing man, that was so kind and welcoming... he undoubtedly enhanced my time in Syracuse! My thoughts, love, and prayers go out to his family.

October 22 at 9:41 AM

KW

**Kathleen M. Wood** posted:

Mary, I am so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of both you and John over the years. He was a wonderful person. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Love Kathy (City Court)

October 22 at 9:04 AM

LA

**Le Moyne College, Office Of Alumni** posted:

Please accept the sympathy of Le Moyne College on the occasion of the death of your husband and brother, respectively. Be assured of our prayers for him, for you and for your family.

October 22 at 8:21 AM



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AC

**Anne Colucci** posted:

Mary:So sorry for your loss, John was a wonderful person, and he will be missed, I am honored to have known him.Anyone that knew him was blessed!

October 22 at 7:48 AM

EM

**Edward Z. Menkin** posted:

John Rinaldi was one of the warmest and wittiest people I've ever met and it was a great great pleasure to have a case with him. John was one of those truly rare people who you always looked forward to seeing again. I will always love him and I cherish all the times I had with him.

October 22 at 4:51 AM

KR

**Kimberly Richardson** lit a candle in honor of John .

I worked for John over 12 years. Our relationship was more like a father/daughter relationship than an employer-employee one. John gave me strength and love during the most difficult times of my life and he shared in all of the greatest joys. I have wonderful memories that I hold close to my heart. God blessed me by putting this wonderful man in my life.



October 22 at 4:37 AM

SN

**Shelby Nichols** lit a candle in honor of John .



October 22 at 4:29 AM

MM

**Meg Martin** posted:

Thoughts and prayers with the family of this dear, true gentle-man! I used to work at the Onondaga County Courthouse and John always had a smile for me and what a great sense of humor-I truly admired him and enjoyed his friendship.

October 22 at 3:31 AM



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RK

**Ron Klein Sr** posted:

What a great guy and a Lawyer's-Lawyer! Shared a lot of laughs and great conversation's with John at the DA's office and morning coffee at Nick's Rest in the late 80's and early 90's.Sorry to read about his passing. May God's peace be with him and his family.Ron Klein Sr

October 21 at 12:31 PM

TM

**Tony Martin** October 23 at 5:46 AM

I always called you Uncle John when you were my cousin.....reason being that you had done so much for me.....you were just the most compassionate man/attorney.....probably the most colorful attorney ever in Syracuse.....to his children, his wife, his brother Angelo, my deepest condolences for Uncle John, a great man!!!!

JF

**James Fix** October 22 at 4:18 AM

John was a great lawyer and one of the funniest gentleman I ever met. He was a people person and he reminded me of Calumbo with his rain coat. I enjoyed doing business with him and I know he will be missed by anyone who came into contact with him. He enjoyed life and made everyone feel appreciated . My thought and prayers will be with John and his family .Jim Fix Naples Florida

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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