A TRIBUTE TO

MERVYN A. SALZMAN. ESQ.

1931 – 2016

Mervyn was born in Rochester in 1931. He graduated from Syracuse University with honors, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He was an alumnus of Yale Law School, class of 1957. Mervyn was an attorney in Rochester for over 50 years, where he felt privileged to practice law with his late brother Sidney J. Salzman. Mervyn was known for his professionalism and integrity. He was a named partner at Salzman & Salzman and also served as the New York State Tax Attorney for Monroe County under Governors Rockefeller, Wilson, and Carey. Mervyn was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States and the U.S. Court of Claims in 1964. He served as Monroe County incompetency referee from 1963 through 1968.

Mervyn founded and operated several businesses during the duration of his career, including the restaurant chain Beefsteak Mining Company. He later served as the legislative chairman of the S.H.H.H. (Self Help for the Hearing Impaired), and worked with the late Senator Edward Kennedy in writing the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990.

After retiring from his law practice Mervyn enjoyed debating politics, working in his garden and drinking his Stoli vodka on the rocks with a lemon twist. He was a fighter with a big heart and he had a one of a kind sense of humor.

Mervyn is survived by and was extremely proud of his three children and their spouses. Mike(Ami), Bonnie(Doug) and Steve(Dobrinka). His six grandchildren were the greatest joy of his life: Nate, Aaron, Ian, Luc, Sophia and Eva. Mervyn was married to the love of his life Marilyn for 56 years.

Respectfully submitted by:

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