



W. Marshall Dawsey, Esquire

July 1, 1933 - August 18, 2020

W. Marshall Dawsey, Esquire, 87
August 18, 2020

W. Marshall Dawsey died on August 18th surrounded by his children. He was 87 years old. Marsh was born July 1, 1933 in Newark NJ, the son of W.L. (Jack) and Eva Gowen Dawsey. He grew up in Philadelphia and graduated from Frankfurt High School in 1951. Marsh attended Pennsylvania State University and graduated in 1955. At PSU he was president of Delta Upsilon Fraternity and active in Skull and Bones society. He met his wife Polly while at PSU, they were married in 1957 at Christ Church Towanda. Polly predeceased him in January of 2011. Upon graduation from PSU, Marsh was commissioned as an officer in the USAF, serving 3 years active duty. These included overseas duty in Morocco, Libya, and Germany. After discharge from the USAF in 1958, he attended Dickinson Law School graduating in 1961. After passing the bar and completing his clerkship with William Davis, Esq. he began the practice of Law with Romeyn Culver and John Griffin at Culver and Griffin. In 1970 with his friend and Partner John J. Griffin he founded Griffin and Dawsey, incorporating in 1982 with John, Ray DePaola and himself, now GDDJ. He had a very active law career. Early on, he served as solicitor for Towanda Borough, Wyalusing Borough, and many Townships in the area. He served one term as District Attorney of Bradford County and 9 years as Bradford County Solicitor. Marsh tried cases in all counties across the

northern tier of PA from Coudersport to Milford and south to Scranton, Wilke Barre and Williamsport. He also tried cases in all courts of the US court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. On numerous occasions he argued cases on appeal before the Supreme Court of PA, the Superior Court of PA, and the Commonwealth Court of PA. Always active in the community, he served on numerous boards and committees including the United Way for over 30 years and trustee at the Guthrie Clinic for over 30 years. He was a Melvin Jones Fellow and life member of the Lion's Club, member of the board of directors and past vice president of the Towanda Area School District Foundation, and past president of the Board of Trustees for the Towanda Public Library. Marshall was also a member of Christ Episcopal Church. He served on the Vestry there and was Senior Warden for many years. He was active in the Diocese of Bethlehem on many committees and served on the Ecclesiastic Court. Marsh enjoyed family and friends, skiing and golf. He was a member of the Pond Hill Yacht Club and sailed his sunfish in races at Lake Wesauking earning titles including being the oldest member to have won a race (he was 79!) and "turtles" for tipping over the most in a season! He was an avid Penn State all sports fan. He held season tickets for Penn State Football games for over 50 years. He attended every game he could and if he could not attend, he graciously gave his tickets away so that others might share his joy of the game and the Penn State experience. Marshall is survived by his children John M. Dawsey (Brenda); Dayna L. Dawsey (Bob Williams); Christina Vail , (Mark); and Craig Dawsey (Patty Ann); grandchildren, Todd Dawsey, Lauren (Ben) Yates, Katelyn Dawsey (Corey Timek), Jay, Ian, Jordan, Rachel, Sarah Dawsey, Sean and Emma Vail; great grandchildren, Colin Dawsey, Parker Fleming and Baby Boy Yates; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Calling hours will be from 4-7 pm Monday, August 24th at Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. Private interment will be on Tuesday, August 25th. A memorial is being planned for a later time. Marshall and his family request that contributions be directed to The Towanda Public Library, Cancer Research, or a charity of one's choosing in memory of

Marshall Dawsey. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

100 Oak Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
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Tribute Wall



“ *W. Marshall Dawsey, Esquire*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *W. Marshall Dawsey, Esquire*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *W. Marshall Dawsey, Esquire*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *W. Marshall Dawsey, Esquire*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *W. Marshall Dawsey, Esquire*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to the Dawsey family. Marshall was a beloved member of the lake community. The Forsyth family and cousin Lucy Nurkse*

Lucille Nurkse - September 03, 2020 at 12:34 PM

AI

“ *Ambrose & Susie Brennan III purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of W. Marshall Dawsey, Esquire.*



Ambrose & Susie Brennan III - September 02, 2020 at 06:49 AM

AI

“ *Our deepest sympathies and sincere condolences to all the Dawsey families. I can't think of a time when I didn't see a warm smile or hear an encouraging word from Mr. Dawsey. My great love for Penn State football can be attributed to him and Mr. Griffin. A trip to a Penn State game with Mr. Dawsey and crew, involved a stop at the Buffalo Inn, amazing tailgating with deli roast beef sandwiches, amazing dill pickles & much more, peewee football in the parking lot, and usually a stop at the Swiss Chalet for dinner after the game. You were never a quest when you went to the PSU games with Mr. Dawsey, you became one of the kids, one of the family. Thank you to all the Dawsey family for sharing your Dad with us. We truly were blessed to have known him.*

*Our love and prayers are with you
Ambrose & Susie Brennan*

Ambrose E Brennan III - September 02, 2020 at 06:09 AM

KM

“ Lucky me this is my Uncle. The most amazing, strong and true in heart, dapper gentleman, who loved life and spilled that gift on all of us in his sphere. He instinctively made wrongs right, by quietly helping us to move on and laugh, unfailingly expecting we could be the best, as kids and onward. Forever in adoration. Love you Uncle Mush. Tina.

Kristin Moore-Gantz - August 31, 2020 at 07:34 PM

DH

“ Please accept our deepest condolences and prayers during the loss of your father. He and your mother were always friendly and kind as we all grew up together. It was a pleasure to serve with him on the vestry of Christ Episcopal Church many years ago.

Sincerely,
David and Debra Hawke

Dr. David B. Hawke - August 28, 2020 at 04:33 AM

VY

“ I just heard about Marshall's passing. I am so very sorry for your loss! I remember him being such a fun-loving man...the life of the party and the light in the room. His energy surely lives on in his children and grandchildren. Wishing you all peace and smiles as you hold him in your hearts. ~Virginia Beirne Young

Virginia Beirne Young - August 26, 2020 at 08:08 AM

TH

“ *To the Dawsey family
Our heart ache for you. We are sorry for your loss. Marshall and Polly were great family friends who came for our daughter’s birthday when she was little as grand parents.
We have heartwarming memories with him.
Marshall will be missed
Peter, Tomoko & Hanako Henty*

Tomoko Henty - August 24, 2020 at 02:51 PM

TD

“ *The Guthrie Clinic Administration Department purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of W. Marshall Dawsey, Esquire.*



The Guthrie Clinic Administration Department - August 24, 2020 at 12:32 PM

BA

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Dawsey family. Marshall was a wonderful person and we were surprised and sadden to hear of his passing. He will be missed. A small know fact was that Marshall gave me my first job 52 years ago when he asked me to take care of his lawn on Wilmot Drive in Towanda. We ask for God’s blessings for you and your wonderful family during this difficulty time.*

Brad and Patti Aronson

Brad & Patti Aronson - August 24, 2020 at 10:36 AM

MS

“ We always remember what wonderful neighbors Marshall, Polly , Dayna, Kippy, Craig and John were when we moved to the neighborhood in 1985. Marshall and Polly were very exceptional and mindful people in all aspects of their life. With deepest sympathy.

Muisje and Fred Smith

margueriet and fred smith - August 23, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ Crossing Over Lid Decoration was purchased for the family of W. Marshall Dawsey, Esquire.



August 23, 2020 at 10:01 AM



“ Yellow & White Standing Wreath was purchased for the family of W. Marshall Dawsey, Esquire.



August 23, 2020 at 09:51 AM

CH

“ Claire Holton-Lizon lit a candle in memory of W. Marshall Dawsey, Esquire



Claire Holton-Lizon - August 23, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ *Blue & White Mixed Half Casket Cover was purchased for the family of W. Marshall Dawsey, Esquire.*



August 23, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ *We are sorry for your loss. I was at P SU in 1955 With MARSH and Polly- she was my HS classmate. MARSH was the attorney for the Mingos.*

John Mingos - August 22, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of W. Marshall Dawsey, Esquire.*



August 21, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss! I have good memories of your dad, grandfather & great grandfather. He was a great man. Carrie (Hettich) Kurtz*

Carrie Kurtz - August 21, 2020 at 08:49 PM

TA

“ To the Dawsey Children,
Your dad was a true gentleman. He had a great smile and infectious laugh. I had the honor of hitting a hole in one while playing golf with your dad, Jack Young, and Max Gannon. It was at TCC.....I teed off on hole 15 and it went the hole at 17.
I cherish my times spent with him. You all are in my thoughts at this sad time.

Tom Abell - August 21, 2020 at 02:27 PM

JR

“ As a PSU classmate of Marshall & Polly and a TVHS classmate of Polly I'm looking back at a lot of good memories. My condolences to the family. WE ARE!

Jim (& Sandy) Ross

Jim Ross - August 21, 2020 at 01:28 PM

EJ

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Marshall was a brilliant and compassionate man who gave much to his community. We send our deepest sympathy to the family.
Sincerely, Dr. & Mrs. Edward Jones

Edward & Kathleen Jones - August 21, 2020 at 11:27 AM

RM

“ We share your grief at the loss of such a wonderful man. Marsh was a friend and we loved sharing Board dinners with him and Polly. I always enjoyed talking with him about Philly where he grew up and where my family originated. God bless Marshall and the Dawsey Family.

Richard and Betty MacIntire

Richard and Betty MacIntire - August 21, 2020 at 11:02 AM

V1

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy.

VFW Post 1536 - August 20, 2020 at 11:23 PM

MS

“ My deepest sympathy to the Dawsey family. Saddened to see the news of your father and grandfather's passing. Your father and grandfather was one of the great pillars of the Bradford County community. I wish we had more men of his integrity guiding our communities now. I had great respect for him and held him in high esteem. Godspeed good servant.

Michele Strohl - August 20, 2020 at 08:27 PM

TP

“ My heart goes out to the Dawsey family. Thinking of you at this sad time.

Terry Primrose - August 20, 2020 at 07:13 PM

MG

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of you at this sad time. Marshall was one of the finest men we've ever had the good fortune of knowing, and he will be sorely missed. We ask God's blessing and peace for you all.

Maurine and Larry Gehring

Maurine Gehring - August 20, 2020 at 07:08 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of W. Marshall Dawsey, Esquire.*



August 20, 2020 at 06:43 PM



“ *My Deepest Sympathies & Prayers To All Of the Families. He was a wonderful man. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. Marie Post & Family*



Marie Platt Post - August 20, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ *The Thursday night golfers are all in heaven now. Hopefully they can gather at the 19th hole! Marsh was a wonderful man. Condolences to his family, Paula Thomas Vogt*

Paula A Vogt - August 20, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ *OUR SINCERE CONDOLANCES FROM THE ROBERT VINESKI. I KNOW MY FATHER HAD MANY WONDERFUL TIMES WITH MARSHAL. I JOHN G VINESKI ALSO KNEW HIM AS A FRIEND.*

JOHN G VINESKI - August 20, 2020 at 02:11 PM

CS

“ *THE SHEARER family is very sorry to hear,our LAKE buddy, marshall has left this earth.
OUR WONDERFUL Friend will be above us in the heaven watching us and sending us
LOVE in our world.
Charles and Christine SHEARER*

CHARLES SHEARER - August 20, 2020 at 01:16 PM

KS

“ *Kerri Strauss purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of W. Marshall Dawsey, Esquire.*



Kerri Strauss - August 20, 2020 at 10:33 AM

MM

“ *Dear Dayna, Kippy, Craig and John,*

Heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your father. He was a wonderful gentleman.

Maureen and the MacInnis

Maureen J MacInnis - August 20, 2020 at 09:59 AM

JM

“ *Sorry he is gone. I was at PSU in 1955 also.
POLLY and I were classmates at TVJHS.
MARSH was a family attorney for Mingos.
John Mingos tedimax@msn.com*

John Mingos - August 20, 2020 at 09:51 AM

SB

“ *Sending my love and condolences to my dear neighbor and friend Kippy; and Dayna, John, Craig and families. Marshall lived such a long and full life and impacted so many in so many ways. I know his legacy lives on in all of you, and that he and Polly are smiling down on you! Love, Sandy Bargainnier*

Sandy Bargainnier - August 20, 2020 at 09:42 AM

JR

“ *What an extraordinary man and legacy! My heart goes out to the Dawsey family at this time of grief and sadness.*

Jeff Russell - August 20, 2020 at 08:01 AM