

In Memoriam: Lawrence Michael Pidgeon



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MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA - Lawrence Michael Pidgeon, the "G.B.," passed away unexpectedly at his home in Manchester, on Friday, Oct. 24, 2008. He was 64.

He was born in Oswego, N.Y., and was the son of James C. Pidgeon, and Ruth

(Snyder) Pidgeon. Larry graduated from Oswego Catholic High School in 1962, and played on four championship basketball teams. He graduated from St. Lawrence University, Canton, N.Y. in 1966, where he received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Upon graduation from the University of Toledo Law School, he entered active duty and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain, and a Bronze Star.

Returning to Oswego in 1972, he first clerked for Judge Ringland Murray, later went into the practice of law with Hosmer Culkin, and subsequently formed a partnership with James Eby, also in Oswego.

Larry moved to the Boston area in 1978, opened a criminal law office in Salem, and practiced law for over 20 years with Metaxas, Norman & Pidgeon. He was a close friend, as well as a colleague, of Anthony (Tony) Metaxas, William (Bill) Norman and more recently John Colucci. Over the years, Metaxas Norman & Pidgeon hired many younger attorneys and paralegals for whom Larry was an important mentor and friend.

He was a member of the Essex County Club, an avid sports fan, tennis player, basketball hoopster, and recent golf enthusiast. He served on the board of the Manchester Community Center, North Shore Veterans Counseling, and was a member of the Special Committee of North Shore Hospice.

He is survived by his brothers, John S. (Nancy) Pidgeon of Oswego, James Pidgeon (Susan) of Cranford, N.J.; his former wife, Sheila P. Hill of Manchester; a nephew, John C. Pidgeon, and nieces Kathryn McCrobie, Ann Callender and Amy Pidgeon.

Remembered by Friends and Family

See subsequent pages for comments from family and friends, recorded in Larry's memory at Legacy.com in the month's following his death.

April 02, 2009

My thoughts echo those of Al D. Time spent with Larry at SLU was special. He was a good friend and my world has dimmed with his passing.

~ Rick Welcome, *Ellington, Connecticut*

March 27, 2009

I just received my St Lawrence magazine and read about Larry's passing. What a shock. Although we didn't have much contact after SLU I thought of him often.

He was such a good friend during those years. I always hoped that we would get together again.

~ Al Darrone, *Mount Laurel, New Jersey*

March 17, 2009

It's Saint Patrick's Day evening, and I just learned of Larry's passing from an old Oswego friend. That seems somehow appropriate. I've known Larry since St. Lawrence, and he unfailingly embodied the finest attributes of the Irish. In memory, he'll always be the Golden Boy.

~ jim clare, *canandaigua, New York*

November 21, 2008

I was so very sorry to hear of Larry's death. My prayers are with his brothers, family and friends who will surely miss him.

~ Fran McCormack, *Skaneateles, New York*

November 11, 2008

I just returned from S. America and was shocked by this sad news. Larry and I grew up together in Oswego NY. We first met in kindergarten at St. Paul's Academy and remained friends through high school at Oswego Catholic High. Larry was a terrific basketball player in high school and was such a class act even as a young man. Although our careers took different paths we met on the north shore from time to time. His sudden passing made me so mindful of my own mortality. On behalf of the entire Zaryski family, most of whom still live in Oswego, I offer our deepest sympathy to Larry's family and friends.

~ Joseph Zaryski, *Boxford, Massachusetts*

November 10, 2008

I was saddened to hear of Larry's untimely passing, and I will always remember his starring days with the OCHS Crusaders, as well as his tutelage when I was first admitted to the local bar. He will be long remembered in the annals of Oswego sports and by the community in general. My condolences to his brother, Jack and Jim--John T. Sullivan Jr.(Albany)

~ John Sullivan, *Albany, New York*

November 09, 2008

I met and knew Larry while working for Cummings Properties in Beverly. He was always smiling, very kind and extremely warm when strolling through the complex. I was very saddened to hear about his passing. It isn't very often that one remembers tenants in a large building but Larry was one of them to be remembered. My thoughts and prayers to family, friends and colleagues. He will be missed.

~ Charlotte McCarthy, *Hamilton, Massachusetts*

November 01, 2008

On behalf of the Pidgeon family, I would like to thank everyone for their kind and thoughtful words. They have been such a comfort to our family and my uncle would be truly overwhelmed. He was the best and we will greatly miss him.

~ Kate Pidgeon, *Oswego, New York*

November 01, 2008

Over many years we shared many great times together ... thanks for the memories Larry. I'll miss you!

~ Peter Detwiler, *Seattle, Washington*

October 31, 2008

I've had the pleasure of being one of Larry's friends in recent years. After a poor start, a mending period, I can not believe he is no longer with us. I'll think of Larry often when skiing, golfing, and each and every Patriots game this year! I plan to see Bruce in Aspen soon to celebrate our time with Larry.

~ John Bartlett, *Manchester, Massachusetts*

October 31, 2008

Larry, a good friend, abled attorney and, above all, a compassionate man.

Serafini, Serafini, Darling & Correnti, LLP

~ John Serafini, *Salem, Massachusetts*

October 31, 2008

I just learned of Larry's passing and my best goes to his family. Larry was a great lawyer and a person that members of the bar looked up to. He will be sorely missed

~ Judge Spencer Kagan, *Cambridge, Massachusetts*

October 30, 2008

I just learned of Larry's passing. Larry was always a pleasure to talk to and work with. My thoughts are with you - I wish I had heard earlier and been able to attend his memorial tonight. Peace.

~ John Hayes, *Salem, Massachusetts*

October 30, 2008

To a great friend and mentor.

~ David Aiello, *Peabody, Massachusetts*

October 30, 2008

I had the pleasure of meeting Larry for the first time last Wednesday night at a Red Cross Fundraiser dinner. He was cordial and funny. My deepest sympathy goes out to his family for their sudden loss.

~ Susan Luongo, *Revere, Massachusetts*

October 30, 2008

My deepest sympathy to Larry's family. Will miss his warm smile and friendly way. A gentleman. Rest well.

Lynda Fatalo - Neighbor

~ L Fatalo, *Manchester, Massachusetts*

October 30, 2008

Larry was our neighbor and dear friend for the last ten years. We will miss him greatly but never forget him

~ Carol & Barry Mawn, *Manchester, Massachusetts*

October 29, 2008

My deepest sympathies to the family of Larry. Larry was a great lawyer, a wonderful friend and the kindest man you could meet.--May he enjoy Eternal rest and happiness he so truly deserves.

~ Joseph F. Dineen, *Boynton Beach,, Florida*

October 29, 2008

Rest well my friend

~ Davezzz

October 29, 2008

With Our Deepest Sympathies, May You Rest In Peace

Your Friends of

~ Gold Coast Cafe, *Beverly, Massachusetts*

October 29, 2008

a great guy, a good friend and a fine lawyer - you'll be missed, larry.

~ amy richardson, *vero beach, Florida*

October 29, 2008

My deepest sympathy on the passing of Larry. Words cannot express the sadness in my heart on the loss of this great man. Don't forget to give my Dad a hug in Heaven, he'll be there with open arms for you Larry!

~ Marissa Furnari, *Methuen, Massachusetts*

October 29, 2008

I will truly miss Larry's smile, his charm, and his wit! He was a joy to work for and I am thankful for the guidance and support that he provided during my years at MN&P. My sympathies go out to his family and close friends.

~ Christine DeGrappo, *Beverly, Massachusetts*

October 29, 2008

Humble, intelligent, friendly were his traits....Everyone that ever met Larry will miss his smile and be better because they met a wonderful human being.

~ Paul Lufkin, *Newburyport, Massachusetts*

October 29, 2008

Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. Larry will always be remembered for his support and friendship to our entire family. He will be missed.

~ J. Danforth, *Beverly, Massachusetts*

October 29, 2008

To the family and friends of Atty Larry Pidgeon:

A true gentleman in every sense of the word; someone whose presence in my courtroom was something I always looked forward to with great pleasure knowing what a consummate advocate he was.

~ Judge James O'Leary, *Gloucester, Massachusetts*

October 29, 2008

He was a sweet, kind man and will be missed.

~ Susan Baker, *Essex, Massachusetts*

October 29, 2008

My deepest sympathies to Larry's family and close friends. He was such a pleasure to know. He will be greatly missed

~ Christy Boraizia, *Beverly, Massachusetts*

October 29, 2008

Larry was a good friend, a great lawyer and a perfect gentleman at all times. You will be missed but not forgotten.

~ Andrea, *John, Patti, Kevin Cooney, Weston, Florida*

October 29, 2008

" Larry was always a gentleman "

I met Larry 18 years ago and he always had a smile on his face . I will miss his friendship

~ Elias Coulouras, *Beverly, Massachusetts*

October 29, 2008

In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always.

~ richard webbe, *manchester*

October 29, 2008

My deepest sympathy on the passing of Larry, a true gentleman in every sense of the word and a credit to the profession. He will be missed by all us who were privileged to have known and worked with him, even on opposite sides of a case.

~ Robert Marder, *Lynn, Massachusetts*
