



Edward F. Beatty Jr

July 16, 1930 - January 25, 2009

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Edward F. (Ted) Beatty Jr., 78, died at his home in Villanova January 25, his mother's birthday. He lived in southeast Pennsylvania his entire life, where five generations of Beattys raised families, made edge-tools, and helped build communities. An attorney, he was a former managing partner of the Saul Ewing law firm and a prominent real estate practitioner.

Ted is survived by his loving wife Jane Nelson Beatty, his three children, Cynthia, Ann, and Ted; their spouses, Daniel Reese, Dan Rose, and Michelle Beatty; and nine grandchildren: Alina, Clare, and Gustavo Reese; Ben and Jake Rose; and Joe, Matt, Kel, and Lia Beatty. He is also survived by two of his three sisters, Polly Dewees Moffett and Nancy Swett. From grandchildren to his many nieces and nephews, family lay at the center of his life.

A graduate of Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, he became counsel to the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation and helped design the way Pennsylvania's real estate development projects are financed with tax-exempt bonds. At Saul Ewing, his major projects included the redevelopment of East Market Street and the complex at Liberty Place Two, both of which transformed whole sections of Center City. For years, he represented First Pennsylvania (now Wells Fargo)

Bank in connection with all its major construction loans.

“He was the consummate professional,” recounted David S. Antzis, Saul Ewing’s current managing partner, “and had the remarkable gift of providing the highest level of services to his many clients while training a generation of lawyers, always with a sense of humility and the highest ethical standards.” He chaired the firm’s real estate department for over 20 years and mentored many young lawyers.

Ted served as chairman of the Children’s Seashore House Board for many years and oversaw its move from Atlantic City to Philadelphia. Active in numerous civic and charitable endeavors, he served on Radnor Township’s zoning hearing board and on the Session of the Wayne Presbyterian Church, and sang in its choir.

His early childhood at the School in Rose Valley and the fields of his father’s farm seeded a lifelong sensitivity and love of the outdoors. An avid fly fisherman, he waded the streams and rivers of Pennsylvania and Montana. Fishing, he said, was equally an intellectual challenge, a deeply sensual experience, a spiritual journey, and a metaphor for life. Always there was the next pool, the next bend in the river, the next day on the water.

There was a poetic quality to the way he saw life. Baseball and his beloved Phillies were more ballet than gritty sweat, even through losing seasons. He delighted in lacing everything from driving directions to scrawled notes with pithy but vivid images of trees, streams and people, and the rise and fall of the land. He loved the beauty and power of art and music—from the folk songs of his childhood, sung nightly to his young children, to Strauss and Bach.

For almost two decades Ted fought the effects of both Parkinson’s and chronic heart disease with dignity and a steadfast belief in his capacity to continue

pursuing what he loved. Both he and Jane are deeply grateful for the care and compassion of his physicians and, Jane says, “we were continually overwhelmed by the endless kindnesses of countless friends and strangers.”

Relatives and friends are invited to Services Saturday, February 7, 2009 at 11 A.M at the Wayne Presbyterian Church, 125 E. Lancaster Ave., Wayne, PA. followed by a reception at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The School in Rose Valley, 20 School Lane, Rose Valley, PA 19063.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wayne Presbyterian Church
125 E. Lancaster Avenue
Wayne, PA 19087