



Lauriston Castleman, Jr.

February 17, 1935 - July 3, 2022

Lauriston “Laurie” Castleman, Jr., 87, died at his home in Haverford, PA on July 3, 2022 after a beautiful day of golf with his son John and grandson Andrew.

Mr. Castleman was born in Brooklyn, New York on February 17, 1935 to the late Reverend Lauriston Castleman and Mary Castleman of Glen Cove, New York. He attended Friends Academy, where he first met his future wife, Valerie Greenman, and graduated from Princeton University in 1956 and University of Virginia Law School in 1959, where he was an editor of the Law Review. He then began his career White & Case in New York City.

He and Valerie were married in June of 1961 at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, where his father was the rector. His identical twin brother, James F. Castleman, was his best man. They had two sons, William Randolph (“Randy”) and John Lauriston. The family moved from Manhattan to Chappaqua, NY in 1969. Mr. Castleman was an active member at St. George’s Episcopal Church in New York City and St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Mount Kisco, serving on the Vestry of each for a number of years. He also served on the board of the Mount Kisco Child Care Center, which provides care and programs for children of all backgrounds, abilities and income levels.

He spent his entire legal career at White & Case, becoming a partner there in

1971 and helping to build the firm's Trusts & Estates practice. He retired in 1999 after 40 years of service to dozens of clients who came to count on him as trusted counsel and to value him as a friend. He also acted as mentor to younger attorneys in the firm and helped build a practice known for excellence, collegiality, and respect.

He was an avid golfer. He was an active member of Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Briarcliff Manor, NY where he served on the board and as president. Later, he enjoyed playing with family and friends at Farmington Country Club in Charlottesville, VA and at Merion Golf Club in Haverford, PA. He particularly enjoyed family golf trips to South Carolina with his late brother Jimmie and his wife, Jan.

He and Valerie moved to Devon, PA in 2007 and enjoyed living close to grandchildren and extended family, moving to Haverford in 2017. He developed many good friendships at Merion, and always had a group to play the West Course or couples to have dinner with.

He was a dedicated grandfather to his seven grandchildren, who enjoyed many years of Old Maid and poker games, lobster dinners, cookouts, crossword puzzles, sunsets, endless encouragement, and great laughs with "Grandpa Laurie" during vacations in Meredith, NH or visits to Chappaqua, Charlottesville, and Philadelphia over the years.

He is survived by his wife Valerie, sons Randy (Johannah) and John (Elizabeth), his sister, Mary Castleman Goodman, and grandchildren Annabelle, Caroline, Georgia, Andrew, Thomas, John, and Jane.

A memorial service was held on Friday, July 15 at Wayne Presbyterian Church in Wayne, PA, followed by a reception at Merion Golf Club, where family and friends gathered to celebrate his extraordinary life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mount Kisco Child Care Center (<https://mkccc.org/donate/>).