



Robert L. Kendall Jr.

October 13, 1930 - August 20, 2014

Robert L. Kendall, Jr., retired partner of the Schnader, Harrison, Segal and Lewis law firm of Philadelphia, and long-time resident of Gladwyne, PA, died peacefully Wednesday, August 20th, of Parkinson's disease at Dunwoody Village in Newtown Square, PA. He was 83.

Born in Rochester, NH on October 13, 1930, Robert Kendall grew up in Falmouth, MA, where he graduated from high school in 1948. He was president of his class and was elected to the Henry H. Smythe Role of Honor by his classmates for exemplifying "loyalty, honor, and service to others." In 1947, as an Eagle Scout, he represented the Cape Cod Scout Council in France at the International Jamboree de la Paix where he was also given the honor of carrying the American flag in the opening parade down the Champs Elysees. In the same year, Mr. Kendall represented his high school at a Massachusetts Boys State Town Meeting of the Air radio debate on which he was teamed with a girl from Randolph, Massachusetts. This debating team was united in marriage seven years later.

Mr. Kendall graduated from Harvard University, Cum Laude, in 1952, on a scholarship majoring in government. At Harvard he played football and sang in the Harvard Glee Club. He was active in the Crimson Key Society (an organization serving the Boston community). Through his school and college years, he was an avid baseball player and was founding manager and center

fielder, of the Falmouth Falcons team, which competed in the Cape Cod Baseball League. (Mr. Kendall was a loyal Red Sox fan his entire life. He also loved his hometown Phillies.)

Upon graduation from Harvard, Mr. Kendall attended the University of Pennsylvania Law School on a full scholarship. He was the managing editor of the Law Review and a member of the Order of the Coif (an honor society). He graduated in 1955, fifth in his class, and was the recipient of a Rotary Foundation Fellowship to study at Oxford. On August 13, 1955, he married Patricia Palmer and took his bride to England, for his Fellowship year, where he earned his Diploma in Law from University College Oxford in 1956.

Mr. Kendall practiced law with Schnader, Harrison, Segal and Lewis for 40 years. He served on the Executive Committee of the law firm. He specialized in anti-trust Federal District Court and Federal Trade Commission cases, Government regulation of business, with proceedings before Federal and State regulatory agencies, and product liability law involving commercial and industrial products and machinery. One of his many major professional achievements was to challenge United States Post Office rates and classifications. The case resulted in the prevention of the United States Postal Service from making unlawful changes in rates and service. Among his many corporate clients was one of the largest shipment and logistics companies in the world (United Parcel Service). The company presented Mr. Kendall with an award for "40 years of excellent representation" upon his retirement. He was admitted to the Bar for the United States Supreme Court; the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; the State Bar of Georgia; the United States Courts of Appeals (3rd Circuit, District of Columbia Circuit, and 2nd Circuit); and for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He was the founding and managing partner of the Atlanta office of Schnader, Harrison, Segal and Lewis. Mr. Kendall taught anti-trust law courses at both Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania law schools.

Mr. Kendall remained active in service to others throughout his life. He served as Rector's Warden and on the Vestry of St. Christopher's Church in Gladwyne, PA during four decades. He was a member of the Episcopal Church Club of Philadelphia and chaired its Scholarship Committee for Seminarians. He played a leading role in the movement for the ordination of women in the Episcopal Church; He represented Suzanne Hiatt, one of the original women priests and was a member of the original committee to plan for and to promote the cause of the ordination of women to the priesthood. He provided pro bono legal services to people and causes he believed in. He participated in the Philadelphia Rotary Club, was of Steward The Welsh Society of Philadelphia and Chair of its College Scholarship Committee. Mr. Kendall was on the Board of Directors of the Mann Music Center from 1971 to 1998 and the Board of the Philadelphia Settlement Music School for over 30 years.

Mr. Kendall was the beloved husband for 59 years of Patricia A. Kendall and the very devoted father of Linda Kendall Rissell, Cynthia J. Kendall (John W. Lindquist), and Janet L. Kendall (J. Jeffrey Lankin). He is also survived by 7 grandchildren (Veronica Passarella, Christina Rissell, Adah and Elena Lindquist, Robert, Julia, and Sophia Lankin), one great-granddaughter, Zoe Ramsey, and his brother, Richard E. Kendall (Cynthia Kendall). His memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 6th at 3 P.M. at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 226 Righter's Mill Rd., Gladwyne, PA 19035. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to either the Settlement Music School, PO Box 63966, Philadelphia, PA 19147 or the Parkinson's Action Network, 1025 Vermont Ave NW, Suite 1120, Washington, DC 20005.

Cemetery Details

Burial will be private.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
226 Righters Mill Road
Gladwyne, PA 19035

Tribute Wall

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“ *Jean-Daniel, Brigitte, Lola et Barbara. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert L. Kendall Jr..*



Jean-Daniel, Brigitte, Lola et Barbara. - September 01, 2014 at 07:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert L. Kendall Jr..*



August 31, 2014 at 10:22 PM