



Burton C. Agata

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Burton C. Agata, Professor Emeritus, Hofstra University Law School, died peacefully at his home in Hudson, NY on January 20th at the age of 85. By his side was his beloved wife and true partner of 58 years, Dale. He also leaves behind his son Seth, daughter-in-law Gail, treasured grandson Adam, and dear cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. The one tragedy in his life was the loss in 1997 of his beloved daughter Abby, before her and his time. His legacy of love can be found in his family, which he always put first, and in the hundreds of lawyers, whose careers, minds and consciences he helped mold in his 40 years as a professor. His values, in descending order, were his family; his country which he proudly served during the Korean War rising to the rank in the Regular Army of Captain in the JAG Corps; the law and justice which he mastered and treasured; the University of Michigan from where he graduated with an undergraduate and law degree; and Mel Ott. He was a mensch's mensch. Those wishing to honor his memory may make a donation to the Southern Poverty Law Center (www.splcenter.org) in his name.