



Honorable Roger J. Miner

February 18, 2012

Honorable Roger J. Miner, Senior Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, passed away peacefully at his Greenport, New York, home on February 18, 2012. He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Jacqueline (Mariani) Miner, former Vice-Chairman of the New York State Republican Party; his sons, Larry (Lisa) Miner, of Santa Monica, CA, Ronald Carmichael, of Alexandria, VA, Ralph (Rose) Carmichael, of Phoenix, AZ, Mark (Robin) Miner, of Austin, TX; his brother, Lance (Maryellen) Miner, of Greenport, NY, his six grandchildren, Sydney Miner, Zachary Miner, Evan Miner, Joshua Miner, Clayton Carmichael, Ciana Carmichael, his nephew Aaron (Erin) Miner and niece Anne Miner.

Judge Miner graduated cum laude from New York Law School in 1956, and was admitted to the bar of the State of New York. He served in the U.S. Army in the Judge Advocate General's Corps where he rose to the rank of captain. In 1959 he joined his father, Abram Miner, in private practice in Hudson, NY. From 1961 to 1964 he served as corporation counsel for the City of Hudson and Assistant District Attorney for Columbia County from 1964 to 1968. He served as District Attorney for Columbia County from 1968 to 1975.

In 1976, Judge Miner was elected New York State Supreme Court Justice for the Third Judicial Department, President Ronald Reagan appointed Judge Miner to United States District Court for the Northern District of New York in

1981 and to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in 1985, where he has served since that time. In 1987, Judge Miner was one of three top candidates being considered for appointment for the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Miner was a lifetime member of Congregation Anshe Emeth, Hudson, NY.

The family will greet friends at the funeral home from 9 am - 12 noon on Wednesday, February 22, 2012. Funeral services will be held at 2 pm Wednesday at Congregation Anshe Emeth, 240 Joslen Blvd, Hudson. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Anshe Emeth.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary Decker lit a candle in memory of Honorable Roger J. Miner*



mary decker - February 23, 2012 at 09:00 PM

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“ *Lou and I are both very sad after reading of the loss of Honorable Roger J. Miner. My husband and father-in-law were friends with Roger and his father as they were their attorney. I can attest to him being a wonderful teacher as I had him for both classes of Criminal Law I and Criminal Law 2 at Columbia-Greene Community College. He use to tell us he would call his brother Lance in Chicago and ask him about our test questions before he gave us the mid-term and final exam. Once Roger became Judge Lance and Maryellen moved to New York and became our attorney. At times like these you wish you were not so far away so you could personally pay your respects to a great man and a wonderful family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you today Jackie, Lance, and the whole family.*

*Lou and Bonnie Crocco
Hartsville, TN*

Bonnie Crocco - February 22, 2012 at 06:31 PM



“ *Michael Markessinis lit a candle in memory of Honorable Roger J. Miner*



Michael Markessinis - February 21, 2012 at 12:51 PM



I knew Mr. Miner from my parents store the Greeks, he was always friendly and always had time for you, from the Markessinis family you will be missed.

Michael Markessinis - February 21, 2012 at 12:55 PM



“ *The Honorable Roger Miner was a great man and a wonderful friend to us. We were neighbors back in the 60's and he was always there for us. He was also our family Lawyer. There are no words that can express the loss of this man. He will be greatly missed by all who have had the honor of knowing him.*

Marguerette & Jim Vanvakas

Marguerette (Burger)Vanvakas - February 21, 2012 at 05:41 AM

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“ Judge Miner was an excellent teacher as well as an outstanding jurist. I admired him greatly and it was an honor to have a man of such great character and distinction teaching and guiding me at the very beginning of my legal journey. When I think back on my days at New York Law School, I fondly remember how intimidating the idea of having a Professor who was a sitting Circuit Judge seemed. I also remember that within the first minutes of class, Judge Miner proved himself to be a caring and accomplished teacher of the law along with the so many of the other things that made him a great man.

I am deeply saddened by his passing and I will keep the Miner family in my thoughts and prayers.

*My sincerest condolences
L Thomas Dougherty
NYLS '91*

L. Thomas Dougherty, Esq. - February 20, 2012 at 11:37 AM