



Jon Reilly

May 18, 1962 - November 25, 2019

Jon Michael Reilly, 57, of Bellmawr, NJ was born on May 18th, 1962 in Fredonia, New York to Florence K. Reilly and John M. Reilly. He spent his childhood in Gales Ferry, Connecticut and Haddonfield, New Jersey, where he graduated from Paul VI High School. Jon attended Rutgers University where he was on the rowing team. He went on to fulfill his dream of attending the University of Notre Dame where he graduated in 1984. He received a J.D. from Rutgers School of Law in 1988 and shortly thereafter began his career as a law clerk in Woodbury, NJ. Following his clerkship with the Gloucester County Superior Court he was hired by the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office as an Assistant Prosecutor. Jon loved the practice of law and the relationships and friendships that he forged through his work. Throughout his career he served in both Cumberland and Salem counties until his retirement in 2012.

Jon loved college football, and he especially loved going back to his alma mater, Notre Dame, on football weekends with his family and friends. He also enjoyed attending the Army vs. Navy game each year, as well as Rutgers football games. After retiring from the Prosecutor's Office Jon spent several weeks travelling across the country, camping and visiting college football stadiums from Alabama to Colorado.

Jon loved spending time with his family and friends, going to Bruce Springsteen and Southside Johnny concerts, supporting his nieces and nephews in their lives and endeavors- from baseball and football games to theatrical performances. He loved spending time with his family in Connecticut and going to the beach, from Misquamicut, CT, to LBI, Ocean City and Margate, NJ, Deerfield Beach FL, to cruises in the Caribbean. Jon was best known as an exceptional brother, uncle, nephew and friend. He had the innate ability to bring joy to others through his sense of humor. Anytime spent with Jon would inevitably begin and end with laughter. He was incredibly intelligent and a constant source of interesting information. His kindness could be seen in his distinctly beautiful blue eyes and felt by his selfless words and actions. Jon was a living example of Christ and his Catholic faith.

Jon passed away on November 25, 2019. He is survived by his sister Johnna Tyson, brother and sister-in-law Timothy P. Reilly and Iraisia C. Orihuela-Reilly, nieces Christine Wilmoth and Iraisia Ann Reilly, nephews Sean Tyson, Timothy J. Reilly, and Patrick Tyson,

his Aunt Betty Bernardo, Uncle Joseph Reilly and great nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, December 6th, at St. John's Catholic Church at 809 Park Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey (St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish). A funeral mass to follow at 11:30 am. Burial will be held at 11:30 am on December 7th at Elm Grove Cemetery in Mystic, Connecticut. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made Esophageal Cancer Support Group of Philadelphia, 344 Lester Road, Springfield PA 19064.

Comments



“ I had the good fortune to hire Jon when he returned the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office as an Assistant Prosecutor. About a month after Jon started work, he contacted me to tell about a matter he presented to the grand jury. Jon was quite animated as he described the case to me. When he was done his presentation to me he said, "Interesting case, don't you think?" I agreed. I then asked him if he was satisfied that he left the Salem County Prosecutor's office to return to Cumberland County. He said he was because we have "good crime" in Cumberland County. That incident was a good window into the person that was Jon. He was passionate about his work. He cared about the people involved in his cases. He brought his humanity to the office everyday. He was one of the Four Horseman who brought a certain pride to his work. You will be missed by all of us who had the pleasure to know you. To your family, you have my sincere condolences. Rest in peace Jon
Ron Casella.

Ronald Casella - December 06, 2019 at 11:31 AM



“ I met Jon when he interviewed for a job as an Assistant Cumberland County Prosecutor. Jon immediately set himself apart from all other applicants when he responded to a question about a gap in his resume. With a twinkle in his eye, and his famous grin, he said, "I was hoping you wouldn't notice that..." it was unanimous all on the panel voted to hire Jon. Jon became a wonderful and loyal friend, and a very talented and honest lawyer.
I considered him like a 10 to 12 year younger brother due to his youthfulness, and was amazed when he reminded me we were only one year apart.
My condolences to Tim and the entire Reilly family on the loss of Jon.

Jeff Klavens

Jeffrey G Klavens - December 05, 2019 at 11:45 AM



“ As stated by so many, Jon was a breath of fresh air who always seemed to light up the room with his laughter and his humor. He was my adversary, team member and team leader. He was always kind and filled with wealth of information on prosecuting cases and being practical. Jon, you will be missed, but I have very fond memories of you and our time together as co-workers.

Jose Silva - December 05, 2019 at 10:51 AM



“ Jon was a wonderful mentor and colleague of mine when I began my career as a prosecutor. I think anyone who worked closely with him has so many wonderful Jon Riley stories that make us smile to this day. I saw Jon last year, fighting hard, but with that same charisma and those beautiful eyes. The world definitely lost one of our best.

monica bullock - December 04, 2019 at 11:12 AM



“ Mere words could never express who Jon was. He was an outstanding human being in every way. Compassionate, kind, funny, faithful, honest, genuine, smart, trustworthy are only a few of the words that come to mind when I think of him. If you were having a bad day he could walk in the room and have you smiling within seconds. His amazing and strong Catholic faith is something I shall always remember. Going out for brunch meant you went to church first. Technically that was his first date with my dear friend Kim. He had so much compassion and combined with his strong faith helped me through my own grief. As an prosecutor he was amazing. Jurors loved him but then again who didn't? To his beloved family and my dear friend Kim, Nathan and Josh, and Pam our lives are enriched because he was in our hearts. I know I am a better person because he was a part of my life for many years. May the Lord bless him and you. May you feel the arms of our Blessed Mother wrapped around you in comfort. Thank you Jon for so many things and for allowing me the privilege of calling you my friend. One day he told me his favorite TV show was Hawaii 5 O. God bless you Danno and one day we all will see you again.

Denise Capaldi Corsi - December 03, 2019 at 06:55 PM



“ My heart is broken, among hundreds of others who had the incredible luck of knowing Jon. Jon had it all. He had charisma, compassion, intelligence, an incredible sense of humor, faith and integrity. He had the most amazing blue eyes that always sparkled and seemed to invite you to have a conversation with him. He captivated the hearts of so many people, mine right from the start when he interviewed for the position of Assistant Cumberland County Prosecutor in the early 90's.

He called me Frani-Banani, I called him JR. He used to sweat profusely, even in the winter. We would laugh and he would always tell me that he needed a new thermostat. I bought him one, one year for Christmas. We shared a hearty laugh over that.

Jon has taken little pieces of so many hearts and souls that he touched with him. God speed, JR. You are loved so much. You, my friend, are a legend. Until we meet again.....

Fran Hovermann
(Retired) Office Administrator
Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office

Fran Hovermann - December 03, 2019 at 05:29 PM



“ There is a saying in life that goes something like this: "Nice Guys Finish Last. " But then along came Jon Reilly. He was one of the "nicest" and genuine guys in every sense of the word to Anyone, Anytime & Anywhere....regardless of circumstance. He was a very rare commodity who, along with so many others helped me serve the Public via the Legal Profession just short of 30 years. For Jon's much-appreciated influence on me throughout my career I will always be grateful to him. He epitomized how "Nice" guys Finish First through Accountability and having Fun...the perfect balance.

Walter A. Schultz, Jr. Esquire
(Retired Assistant Prosecutor & Attorney, State of New Jersey)

Walter A Schultz Jr - December 03, 2019 at 02:09 AM



“ Tim and Family,

I am so sorry for your loss. Jon was such a wonderful colleague. I met him, for the first time, during his brief foray into defense work. Our case involved a juvenile who stole an ATV. Of course, Jon was a delight to work with, but the funniest part was that during that case Jon taught me all about the single-stroke engines of ATV's! Every once in a while, I use that knowledge and astonish people. What a good man with a beautiful legacy. Your family is in our prayers.

Fondly,
Staci Scheetz and Family

Staci - December 02, 2019 at 11:17 AM



“ Dear Johnna, Tim & family,

Our deepest condolences on the loss of sweet Jon. What a wonderful man of God, who always lit up the room with his smile & humor. We loved him dearly & prayed for him always. He is at rest in the arms of Jesus. He will be missed greatly. You have been a wonderful family surrounding him with your love & comfort. Gods blessings upon you all as you walk this journey ahead of you.

Much love always,
Cousin Lisa, Tom & the Carter family

Lisa Carter - December 02, 2019 at 10:10 AM



“ Jon's legacy is so admirable. Every reference to him describes laughter and kindness. Losing him is a real loss. He was one of the bravest people I ever knew. What a privilege. He remained steadfast in his faith always. I am so glad to have been his friend.

Terry Berresford

Theresa Berresford - December 02, 2019 at 09:55 AM



“ I worked with Jon for six years at the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office and Jon was the light of that office. His jokes and I remember having many rubber band fights in the hall at 164 Office. He was a friend to us all and always willing to listen and give a hug when needed. I will never forget Jon, he was a sweet guy and loved very much by his peers. His office was always a mess and the secretary's always complained, but Jon knew where every file was and every correspondence. He was an amazing guy. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.



Brenda Kelley - December 02, 2019 at 09:11 AM



“ Julia Impellizzeri Lore lit a candle in memory of Jon Reilly



Julia Impellizzeri Lore - December 02, 2019 at 08:37 AM



“ I am terribly saddened to hear of Jon's passing. He was a dear colleague of mine many years ago in Cumberland. A kind, funny, gentle soul, while at the same time, a truly wonderful prosecutor - never afraid to fight the good fight. I remember laughing with him often... I will remember him fondly. My sincere condolences and prayers go out to his family.

Pearl Minato - December 01, 2019 at 10:45 PM



“ Is there really just one memory that stands out? Jon created a mosaic of wonderful memories and has left us all much better off having known him. I miss you buddy! Will always love you! Every place on this earth that you traveled, every soul you encountered, every life that you touched, will forever be enriched because of you!

Mike Ostrowski - November 30, 2019 at 06:19 PM



“ I did not know Jon until September of 1989 where we met in the chambers of the late Judge Elliot G. Heard. It was my first day ever "practicing law.," Jon 's role was to orient me to the responsibilities of being a law clerk. The first idea Jon had was to take me to another courtroom where he knew we would have fun.. And the fun j began. with a criminal bench trial, involving 2 Irish brothers who had "destroyed" a local bar.. Even the Judge, not known for any sense of humor, seemed to be enjoying himself with these two brothers. The sentence was "Get Out of Here."

I also had the honor of being sworn into the NJ Bar jointly with Jon by Judge Heard..

After Jon's diagnosis, we met for coffee and a snack at a cafe in Pitman, NJ.. I gave him a copy of the transcript of our swearing in ceremony, and a group photo of Judge Heard surrounded by all of his law clerks, including Jon and me.. Jon was still feeling well and enjoying life with his girlfriend, Kim, who lived in Pitman not far from me.

No one who knew Jon will forget his fun loving ways, his smile, his laugh, and his blue eyes. When one thinks of Jon, the first word that pops into your head is fun. Keep having fun, Jon.!

Andrea Carb

Andrea Carb - November 30, 2019 at 04:17 PM