

LEPORE, ALBERT JOSEPH JR., ESQUIRE



56, of Miami Beach, Florida, formerly of Providence, R.I. passed away Monday, January 14th in Miami after suffering a stroke and a brain bleed. He was the son of Celia (Pontarelli) Lepore and the late Albert J. Lepore, Sr, Esquire.

He was the loving father of Sabra Lepore and her fiancé Ralph Orlandi of Johnston and Danae Lepore of Central Falls. He was the grandfather of Giuliana Orlandi. He was the brother and law partner of Sheri Lepore, Esquire and her husband, Joseph Iacofano of Lincoln. He was the uncle and godfather of Drew Blanchard, Ali Blanchard and Joey Iacofano. He was the nephew of the late Norma (Lepore) Borino and Robert Pontarelli.

Albert graduated from the Moses Brown School, Suffolk University and Vermont Law school where he received his JD degree. He was a partner and former President of Coia & Lepore Ltd., located in Providence. A law firm started by his father and uncle, Arthur A. Coia in 1970. He practiced in the area of Workers' Compensation and Social Security disability law for over 25 years where he was mentored by his former partner, Armand E. Sabitoni. He was admitted to the R.I. Bar in 1990. He was admitted to the U.S. District Court for the District of R.I., U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court. He was a member of the R.I. Bar Association and R.I. Trial Lawyers Association. He has authored written materials and provided lectures for the R.I. Bar Association, as well as other organizations in the area of Workers' compensation law. He treasured his long established relationships with the attorneys and staff at Coia & Lepore, particularly his law partners; his cousin, James J. Lepore and his dear friend, George L. Santopietro.

Albert's passion was cheering on his beloved New England Patriots, more especially his man crush, Tom Brady, who he had the pleasure of meeting on a plane ride back from Europe. He was a season ticket holder before moving to Miami where he enjoyed heckling his new Miami friends about the major success of "his boys" from New England. More recently, he enjoyed the warm weather and beautiful palm trees of Miami along side his Miniature Italian Greyhound, Duke.

It was Albert's wishes to forego funeral services as he wanted close friends and family to celebrate his life rather than his death. Remember Albert as a positive, funny, energetic person who was larger than life. Donations in his memory may be made to the ASPCA as he always had a love for animals. Burial will be private and a celebration of life will be at a later date.

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