



## Gregory T. Holtz

December 1, 1951 - June 30, 2018

Gregory T. Holtz, 66, of Estero, FL, passed away on Saturday, June 30, 2018. Formerly of Rocky River, OH, he had been an Estero resident since 2007. He was born December 1, 1951 in Cleveland, OH, the son of Theodore and Helen (née Lewandowski) Holtz.

The life and career of Greg Holtz has taken many directions. He attended St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland and graduated from Xavier University. He earned a Law Degree from Case Western Reserve University and was a prosecutor and solicitor. After partnering a law firm with his father in Cleveland, Greg joined the banking industry which presented him the opportunity to move to Florida as the Senior Vice President and Managing Director of U.S. Bank in Naples until 2013. After years in the banking industry, Greg had a strong desire to use his legal knowledge and skills to help people who were less fortunate. In 2013 he approached the Legal Aid Service of Collier County, offering his time and services as a pro bono attorney for which the State of Florida Bar Association presented him the “Tobias Simon Award” in 2015. During this time he was employed as law professor at Ave Maria School of Law in Naples. Specializing in Wills, Trusts and Estates, he opened The Estate Planning and General Practice Clinic— allowing law students to assist in the delivery of legal services to the underserved. Through his energetic commitment and benevolent focus, Greg has made a difference in the lives of his clients, many of them insecure economically – whom he

proudly represented and advised.

Professor Holtz served on a variety of organizations including WGCU Radio Reading Service; The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs; Community Foundation of Collier County Professional Advisors Council; Collier County Bar Association; Collier County Women's Bar Association; and the Lee County Bar Association to name a few.

Greg epitomized the act of giving back one's time, talent, and treasure and we are eternally grateful.

Mr. Holtz also earned a LL.M degree in 2016 Elder Law from Stetson University College of Law and a Master of Science- Urban Studies in 1983 from Cleveland State University.

Mr. Holtz is survived by his loving wife, Jody (Ruff DeLeon) Holtz; his stepsons Wyatt DeLeon and Westley DeLeon, both of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; and his brother, Matthew Holtz ( Mary) uncle of Adam, Patrick and Rosemary of Rocky River, OH.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, July 6, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Light Catholic Church, 19680 Cypress View Drive, Ft. Myers. Additional services will take place on Monday, July 9th, at the St. Christopher Church, 20141 Detroit Road, Rocky River, OH at 11:00 a.m. where friends may call from 10:00 a.m. until the time of Mass, with burial at Lakewood Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Theodore S. Holtz Endowed Scholarship at Ave Maria School of Law or to the Gregory T. Holtz Estate Planning and General Practice Clinic in care of Development , Ave Maria School of Law, 1025 Commons Circle, Naples, Florida 34119. For more information contact [danthus@avemarialaw.edu](mailto:danthus@avemarialaw.edu).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community  
19680 Cypress View Dr  
Fort Myers, FL 33967-6201  
(239) 267-7088

## Visitation

JUL 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher Church  
20141 Detroit Road  
Rocky River, OH

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gregory T. Holtz

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ Thank you, Greg, for your bright spirit and loving nature. As a customer, you always were so fast to forgive any snafus I may have made over the years and I enjoyed getting to know you a bit and our chats on wine and your fav jams.. My heartfelt prayers are with Jody and Matt in this difficult and sad time of loss. I lost my husband of 25 years this year to cancer as well; I understand the depth of pain and loss and offer my sincere sympathies.

Shannon Estill (At DaVero Farms and Winery)

Shannon Estill - September 03, 2018 at 04:02 PM



“ Greg's outstanding radio voice (what a huge challenge to substitute occasionally for him) and stimulating and compassionate friendship are treasured forever by me. So blessed that our paths crossed and generally aligned (where not, it was always a learning experience; when not, missed ... like now!) Thoughts and prayers with Jody and Matt at this moment of intense loss ... his greatness, generosity, and kindness will serve us as future beacons. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Jon Hanshus - July 08, 2018 at 11:35 AM

JB

“ Professor Holtz was my Wills, Trusts, & Estates professor at Ave Maria School of Law. My lasting impression of him was that he was a true gentleman and an honorable attorney who would have bent over backwards to accommodate his clients.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

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**Joreen Belocura** - July 05, 2018 at 11:15 AM

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“ Greg's legacy will live long through his work with the Ave Maria Clinic and Habitat for Humanity clients. His desire to help folks with end of life decisions was so compelling and he shared that drive with clinic students in a remarkable way. I am deeply grateful to Greg for his leadership and the clear demonstration of his deep faith. He was a cherished colleague, a good friend and his inspiration and impact will be felt for generations to come.

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**Lisa Lefkow** - July 05, 2018 at 10:53 AM

PJ

“ Greg and I worked together for more than 20 years in trust administration. He was a friend, mentor, and an absolute professional. My condolences to Jody and Joan. He has left us too soon.

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**Paula Jagelewski** - July 04, 2018 at 10:34 AM

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“ Greg was an legal innovator who genuinely cared about people. He will be missed. His good works will be felt for ever.

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**Laird A. Lie** - July 04, 2018 at 08:28 AM

PC

“ I worked with Greg in Cleveland and in Naples on behalf of our joint clients for many many years to include, i believe, the Star Bank days as well as teaching financial planning at various venues including Myers College/University and John Carroll. He was a devoted attorney who worked closely with clients and me to provide the best possible legal outcome wherever he was. In fact, he is the reason i moved all nationwide trust business of clients with client permission for administration at US Bank in Naples. He was that good. God Speed good friend. Peter H. Calfee

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**Peter H. Calfee** - July 04, 2018 at 07:17 AM

JL

“ It was both an honor and privilege to work with Greg. My sympathy to his wife and sons. He will be greatly missed.  
God bless his family.  
Jane Lipnic

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**Jane Lipnic** - July 03, 2018 at 05:37 PM

BE

I was a student of Professor Holtz.  
That means that I was listening and observing.  
He encompassed the finest ideals of Ave Maria School of Law.  
I immediately felt that I was in the presence of a complete professional in and out of the classroom.  
Our paths crossed again during our work with Legal Aid Services of Collier County.  
Professor Holtz "is" a necessary and sufficient element for anyone that was fortunate enough to be his student, client, or friend.  
Benjamin Barrientes

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**Benjamin** - July 05, 2018 at 02:32 PM

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*Greg and I worked together when he was in law school. He was a wonderful person, always a gentleman, wise, patient and had a great sense of humor. There were a few times when he picked me up to go to the office or brought me home in his Audi. He never minded going out of his way. I have not seen him in many years but my memories of Greg are all very good. He was a person I admired, a credit to the human race and I am very sorry that he has left us. God bless his family.*

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**Mary Ellen Levine** - July 05, 2018 at 09:12 PM