



Hon. Michael B. Getty (Ret.)

July 2, 1938 - November 23, 2020

The Hon. Michael B. Getty, 82, a resident of Naples since 2005, died on Monday, November 23, 2020. He was born on July 2, 1938, in Chicago, IL to the late Gerald W. Getty and Helen (née Brennan) Getty in Chicago, Illinois, where he lived until 2004.

In 1962 he received a Juris Doctorate degree from the DePaul University College of Law. He began his legal career in the Cook County State's Attorney's office and then practiced law in the firm of Getty and Getty in Dolton, IL. He served in the Illinois General Assembly as a State Representative for the 10th District for 10 years, followed by service as the Parliamentarian and Counsel to the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives.

For over 40 years Mike served as a Commissioner on the Uniform Law Commission where he participated in the formation of many groundbreaking model laws and chaired the committee that developed the Uniform Mediation Act, adopted by a number of states.

He became a Judge of the Illinois Circuit Court in 1983 where he served in Criminal Court for 10 years and then Chancery Court, retiring from the bench in 1999.

Judge Getty, a highly respected leader in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution, then became a full-time mediator and arbitrator for the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services. During this time he served as an advisor to the State Department at the United Nations during the formation of the Model Law on International Commercial Conciliation.

A parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church in Naples, he was a 4th degree Knight of Columbus, Arthur J. Corr Assembly 3308. He also served as a Eucharistic Minister for six years.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Therese (née Cerri) Getty of Naples, FL; three children, Michael G. Getty (Margaret) of St. Joseph, MI, Julianne M. Getty of Chicago, IL and Dr. Patrick J. Getty (Kathleen) of Cleveland, OH; two sisters, Muriel Stacey (Daniel) of Mokena, IL and Marie Stan of Chicago, IL, 8 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

A private Memorial Mass will be held at the family home in Michigan, and he will be laid to rest in a memorial garden overlooking the lake he loved so much. The family requests your prayers for the repose of the soul of their dearly loved patriarch.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned and Operated since 1978.

Tribute Wall

JR

“ I learned today of Judge Getty’s passing. Honorable Judge was a fitting title. Judge Getty was unafraid to speak out when he saw an injustice even if it meant speaking out against the very system he worked for. He cared enough to see that defendants were treated fairly. I will never forget him. My blessings to the family. JR

J R - March 31, 2025 at 07:36 PM

DC

“ I'm sorry to hear of the passing of the honorable Judge Getty. Because of his fairness I was able to have a second chance at life. Rest in peace sir.

Dean Chavez - August 30, 2024 at 02:54 AM



“ Hon. Michael B. Getty (Ret.)

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM

LB

“ Dear Getty family, please accept my condolences on Mike's passing.. Mike and I were partners in the State's Attorney's office, in the early 1960's. It was my good fortune to be partnered up with a man of such integrity and intellect. Being associated with Mike had a positive, lasting influence on me and my career. We remained friends all these years, and still had lunch together at Erin:s Isle n in Naples until about two years ago. God bless you all, and be proud of his legacy. Hon. Les Bonaguro (Ret.)

Les Bonaguro - January 11, 2021 at 02:57 PM

JC

“ On behalf of the staff and participants of the Indianapolis Veterans Court, I offer our condolences and prayers for Judge Getty and his family! As a fellow judge and brother Knight, I admired his service to our faith and his dedication to our goal of helping people regain their families and dignity after arrest. I only wish I had gotten to know Judge Getty better through the Uniform Law Commission, where he served with great distinction.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace! With deepest sympathy, Judge David Certo, Indianapolis, Indiana

Judge David Certo - December 03, 2020 at 01:09 PM

TP

“ Judge Mike Getty had the foresight to design a Drug Court for non-violent offenders in the 1980's. Now there are more than 20 of them in Cook County alone. As a young lawyer I had the privilege to have court cases with Mike's dad Gerry Getty. Class family. My condolences to his wife and children.

Judge Tom Panichi, ret.

thomas panichi - November 30, 2020 at 08:43 PM

DC

“ Many fond memories of Jude Getty and Therese- Such a kind, honest, wonderful person- We (Lou and Debi Clementi) were honored to call Judge Getty" Mike "our friend. Many prayers and thoughts to Terry and family- Lou and Debi Clementi

Debi Clementi - November 29, 2020 at 11:15 AM