



Jonathan Heilbrunn

May 16, 1940 - August 4, 2023

Jonathan Heilbrunn, 83 of Matawan, New Jersey passed away on Friday, August 4, 2023, at his home surrounded by the love of his family.

Born Thursday, May 16, 1940 in Livingston, New Jersey, Jonathan was the beloved son of the late Sylvan and Aida Heilbrunn.

Jonathan was raised in Maplewood, NJ, and attended the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Finance and Commerce where he received his Bachelor of Science in Economics in 1962. With a continuing thirst for knowledge, he attended Rutgers University School of Law where he received his Bachelor of Law Degree in 1965 and his Juris Doctor degree in 1968. Jonathan was admitted to the Bar in New York and New Jersey and to practice before the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey in 1966. Thereafter, he was admitted to practice law in Maine.

During this time Jonathan relocated to Old Bridge. Professionally, Jonathan served a Judicial Clerkship to the Assignment Judge of the County of Middlesex from 1965 through 1966. Soon after, he spent one year serving as a legal assistant to the then Prosecutor of the County of Middlesex before opening his own firm, in Old Bridge, where he concentrated in the areas of land use and zoning, commercial and residential real estate, construction, and development.

During these years, Jonathan started a family and raised his children in the town of Old Bridge. Not just active in his family life, Jonathan was also an active member of his community. He served in the local Rotary Club and was a member of the Board of Directors of Amboy Bank.

Jonathan would say he was an Old Maine Fishing Guide dressed as an attorney, because of his love of fly fishing. He took this with him to the Adirondacks and Florida, truly anywhere he could cast his line. He had an insatiable appetite for knowledge and was an avid reader. He kept the Bible for Dummies next to his bedside, and also read about Hinduism, Buddhism, and the Koran. He learned about design and put that knowledge to use designing and building his own home. Jonathan was an avid runner, claiming to come in first place for 50 year old lawyers from Old Bridge in the Atlantic City Marathon.

Jonathan will be missed by all those that he loved and who loved him deeply. He was predeceased by his parents, Sylvan and Aida, by his sister Susan Simon, and by his beloved step son Sean Tucker.

Jonathan is survived by his devoted wife of 40 years, Janice and by his loving children, Rebecca Vlam and her husband Stephen, Jennifer Byiers and her husband Chris, Christopher Tucker and his wife Lisa, daughter in law Kim Tucker, and by his cherished grandchildren, Ben, Maxwell, Charlie, Hunter, and Jamie.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

A Memorial service will be at 12:15 PM on Thursday at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service located at 3377 US Highway 9 Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857.

Reception following the service until 4:30 pm will be at the Buttonwood Manor, 845 State Highway 34, Matawan, NJ 07747. All are welcome.

Donations in lieu of Flowers may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 10. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service
3377 US Highway 9
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Jonathan was always a part of my family’s life since I was a kid. Always took my call and advised me thru tough times. Saved me a lot of aggravation. A true professional that will never be forgotten. A lot of family history dating back to 1984 servicing my family. Heartbroken when I found out. Rest in peace Jonathan. Always a real person. Told it the way it was.

mike Battaglia - October 11, 2024 at 04:25 PM



“ I’m sorry to learn of your loss. It’s been 35 years but I remember him as a kind and gentle man. He always welcomed me into his home in Old Bridge when I played with Chris growing up and I always appreciated that. The time I spent there will always be among the fondest of my childhood memories.

Frederick Kramer - January 17, 2024 at 07:53 PM



“ Jonathan Heilbrunn

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - August 10, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ Kathryn M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jonathan Heilbrunn.

Kathryn M. - August 09, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jonathan Heilbrunn.

August 09, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Jonathan Heilbrunn.



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DD

“ Jan and Family, So sorry to hear about Jonathan. He had a wonderful sense of humor and always made us laugh. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Donna (Mansfield) Durko

Donna Durko - August 08, 2023 at 09:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jonathan Heilbrunn.

August 08, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jonathan Heilbrunn.



August 08, 2023 at 04:19 PM

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“ Love, The Quackenboss kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jonathan Heilbrunn.

Love, The Quackenboss kids - August 08, 2023 at 11:56 AM

LK

“ Love, The Quackenboss kids purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Jonathan Heilbrunn.



Love, The Quackenboss kids - August 08, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jonathan Heilbrunn.*



August 07, 2023 at 10:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jonathan Heilbrunn.

August 07, 2023 at 05:00 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Jonathan Heilbrunn.*



August 07, 2023 at 05:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jonathan Heilbrunn.

August 07, 2023 at 04:36 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jonathan Heilbrunn.*



August 07, 2023 at 04:36 PM

AH

“ I worked with Jonathan too many years ago in Old Bridge at Heilbrunn Finkelstein. He was one of the nicest people and lawyers I ever had the pleasure to know. May his memory be a blessing.
Amanda Heller

amanda heller - August 07, 2023 at 01:52 PM

JH

“ Allison and I are very saddened to hear of Jonathan's passing. He has always been not only a trusted professional, but a cherished and trusted friend. I will not speak of him in the past tense, since it is my belief that even though the physical body ceases, the spiritual body lives on and continues to occupy our lives. Whenever I have a personal or professional "dilemma", Jonathan is one of those persons I think of and try to determine what he would do. I will continue to do so in the present and in the future. We are all blessed for having him in our lives, and I know I am a better person for having him in my life. I wish you all the best. Unfortunately, I will be out of State on Thursday, but after considering what to do, I realize that Jonathan will say to go and enjoy life rather than be one of hundreds to attend his memorial service. I will bow to his advice, but will be there in "spirit".

Jim Higgins

Jim Higgins - August 07, 2023 at 09:28 AM

RR

“ R.I.P Jonathan, a lifelong friend, will always remember our Maine Castle Island vacations of many years and celebrating holidays together and fishing now and again. I will miss you my friend until we meet again.

Retired Police Captain Jeffrey W. Robbin - August 06, 2023 at 10:02 PM

IN

“ When I first met Jonathan, he introduced me to Rotary International and assisted in helping me obtain an apartment for my mother at the Old Bridge Rotary Senior Housing. I will always be grateful for his assistance in making my mother's last years happier as a result of his kind act. I joined Rotary and worked with Jonathan for 20 years on many different Rotary projects. He was always a gentlemen and a pleasure to work with.

Ira Nodelman - August 06, 2023 at 08:43 PM

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“ Ira N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jonathan Heilbrunn.

Ira N. - August 06, 2023 at 08:33 PM

RQ

“ Classic Jonathan. When pressed into a corner by a planning board member or councilman and asked why this project is still here and not built because the empire state building was done in one year? Answer 'They didn't build it in Old Bridge'

Roy Quackenbush - August 06, 2023 at 07:17 PM

CS

RIP Jonathan - Sincere condolences to Janice and family - will always remember our walks and talks in Cheesequake State park - Retired Sargeant Charles Spinola - Old Bridge Twp. Police Dept

charles spinola - August 10, 2023 at 09:19 AM