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## Stephen G. Halasz Obituary

Stephen G. Halasz, Esq., 86, of Hamilton passed away on Saturday, June 27, 2015, at Princeton Medical Center in Plainsboro, NJ. Born in Trenton, NJ, Stephen was a lifelong area resident. He loved his family, God, his country, and his work. He had a passion for law and a dedication to his clients. It was not unusual to see fresh vegetables and home baked pies from them on the kitchen counter. His quest for justice led him to gain notoriety by assisting to apprehend an armed robbery suspect in 1965, carrying with him always his favorite quotation from Cicero, "Liberty consists in doing that which is permitted by the law."

He was an alumnus of Trenton Catholic High School, graduate of Rider University, Class of 1951 and Fordham Law School, Class of 1954. Stephen was a member of the New Jersey Bar Association. He retired from New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company where he worked for 31 years specializing in workers compensation. He also had a private practice in general law at his residence. He was a long time communicant at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church.

He was a devoted father to Jennifer, Regina, and Stephen II, and a cherished granddaddy to Alexander Arcuri, Brandon, Gregory, Nicholas and Hailey Sereni, and Ryan Halasz. His daughter Jennifer remembers how he instilled in her the value of education and independence. Grandchildren Brandon, Gregory, Nicholas, and Hailey have fond memories of Granddaddy's cooking, as well as their individually planned activities to the casino, seashore, and accompanying Granddaddy on his routine errands. His son, Stephen, and grandson, Ryan, were inspired to live by his calming and sensible qualities, as demonstrated in his everyday life. His daughter, Regina, remembered the inspiring talks in his law office about current events, politics, and encouragement to be involved in the community. Her fondest memory though was accompanying dad to court as a young child. He was a constant in the short life of his grandson, Alexander, fondly referred to as his "best buddy."

He was proud of his Hungarian heritage, as all experienced through sampling his recipes. Many had the privilege of gathering for his recollections of working at the post office, movie theatre, and other various part time jobs that he did as a young boy to help support his mother (his hero) and siblings, and for furthering his education. All were impressed by his knowledge, and his ability to remember and retell historical events. As we look back on dad's life, we can't help but think that he said it best himself, "I tried to raise my kids not only to respect the law, but their fellow man, as well."

Stephen was predeceased by his parents, Nicholas and Theresa (Zrim) Halasz; his siblings, Alex, Mary, John, and Michael, and his grandson, Alexander Arcuri. He is survived by his daughters and son-in-law, Jennifer and Joseph Sereni, and Regina Arcuri; his son, Stephen Halasz II; his grandchildren, Brandon, Gregory, Nicholas, and Hailey Sereni and Ryan Halasz, and his many nieces and nephews and many good friends, colleagues, and a friend of Bill W.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, July 2, 2015, at 11 a.m., at Our Lady of Sorrows-St. Anthony Parish, Our Lady of Sorrows R.C. Church, 3816 East State Street Extension, Hamilton, NJ. Interment will follow at St. Stephen's Cemetery, Hamilton, NJ. Visitation for family and friends will be held on Wednesday, July 1, 2015, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the Saul Colonial Home. If you would like to make contributions in Mr. Halasz's memory, they can be made to The Alexander Arcuri Memorial Scholarship, c/o IAFF Local 3786, P.O. Box 536, Windsor, NJ 08561. Saul Colonial Home is located at 3795 Nottingham Way Hamilton Square, NJ 08690 - (609) 587-0170.

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