



Jon D. Caminez

September 22, 1941 - September 25, 2016

Jon David Caminez – MONTICELLO, of Jefferson County, FL, passed away on Sunday, September 25, 2016, at Shands Hospital. He was born in New York City on September 22, 1941. Jon Caminez earned both his Bachelor's degree and his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, and was an avid Tar Heels fan (along with the Atlanta Braves). Jon Caminez was a trial attorney, who started his private practice in North Florida in 1972, and began specializing in personal injury work in 1974. He was passionate about his work and a zealous advocate for his clients during his 45-years of practice. Mr. Caminez has tried more than 300 jury trials and was in the first class of Board Certified Civil Trial attorneys, who were given their certificate in 1983. He is also the first Baker Act Hearing Examiner and was awarded Citizen of the Year for his work in that field.

Jon Caminez was a longstanding member of the Florida Justice Association, formerly known as The Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, and a member of the American Association for Justice, formerly known as the American Trial Lawyers Association. He was admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, the Middle and Northern Districts of Florida, the Florida Supreme Court, and all Circuit Courts in the State of Florida. Jon was a Board Certified Trial Lawyer, having been certified in the first class of lawyers to be certified in the State of Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents, David and Louise Caminez, in-laws, Clifton Martin Baxley and Muriel Marie Mullis Baxley, nephew, David Martin

Baxley, grandchildren, Christopher and James Bentley; brother-in-law, Dr. Ronald Baxley. Jon is survived by his wife, Linda Baxley Caminez, of Monticello, FL.; his children, Steven Caminez (Yanyan) of Fremont CA; Sam Armstrong (Candace) of Birmingham, AL.; April Bentley (Jim) of Tallahassee, FL.; and Shannon Brown, Madison, FL.; his sister, Bette Kroening (Manifred), Berkeley, CA; known to grandchildren as "Papa" – Addison and Anna Armstrong (Birmingham, AL); Christian and Emma Bentley of Tallahassee, FL.; and Jonathan Caminez of Fremont, California niece, Lucie Kroening of Paris, France; Teresa Miller (Bruce) and their children, Tiffany, Lauren and Andrew of Leesburg, GA, Cathy Baxley of Leesburg, GA; Bobby (Landra) Baxley of Leesburg, GA, Pearlie and Annette Mack and Kamon Gentle of Monticello, FL. Funeral Services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016 at First United Methodist Church of Monticello with burial to follow at 3:00 p.m. Crown Hill Cemetery in Albany, GA. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Monticello
325 Walnut Street
Monticello, FL

Tribute Wall

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“ I was so incredibly saddened to learn last week of Jon's passing. I worked for him for close to 15 years (70s-80s) as his secretary/assistant/office manager. Lots of hard work, long hours and many good memories. He was very accomplished attorney, & I'd say one of the best trial attorneys in our region. I learned much from him, experienced things I would never have known, if not for him. I traveled with him often, as he deposed and met with numerous physicians or other expert witnesses. He pressed on & rarely complained, in spite of the excruciating pain he endured because of his Arthritic condition. I knew April & Stephen through most of their childhoods, as well as many others who were an intricate part of his life.



When my parents died tragically in late 1988, he came to see me (& came to funeral)...he had had hip replacements and was so proud to show off his new "gait!" It was wonderful to see.

Other than having lunch from time to time, I never saw him much in the last 20-25 yrs. I'm proud of having been a part of his life, his career...it was a HUGE part of my life. He did many wonderful things for me & many others.

My sincerest & deepest sympathies to all. May the love of family & friends soften your sadness, your cherished memories bring you comfort and lasting peace surround your grieving hearts.

Warmest, caring regards,
Kathleen ("Kathy") W. Rafnel
Tallahassee, FL

Kathleen W. Rafnel - October 09, 2016 at 03:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jon D. Caminez.*



September 28, 2016 at 09:28 AM



“ *My prayers are with the family, Mr. Caminez was a wonderful person and will be truly missed.*

*Gloria Randall
Madison, Florida*



Gloria Randall - September 28, 2016 at 07:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jon D. Caminez.*



September 27, 2016 at 10:41 PM



“ *Jon was an excellent client and friend while I was CEO of the local bank. His kindness and appreciation for the "less important" folks always impressed me. May God have a special blessing for his family.*

Gary Weight - September 27, 2016 at 02:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jon D. Caminez.*



September 27, 2016 at 02:10 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Jon Caminez. We were often on opposite ends of the table in our work environment but underneath all of that, he had a heart of gold-a real sweetheart of a man that I will truly miss. My heart is heavy knowing that I won't see him again on this side but I know that I'll see him again one day. Love ya' Jon.*
Marcia

marcia giles - September 27, 2016 at 01:34 PM



“ *we loved john so much here at our firm (Messer Caperallo) he would always make me laugh we also shared the same neurologist and he was always making sure I was o.k., when he had so many problem himself. he was a kind and caring man I will miss him terribly.*

judy leonard - September 26, 2016 at 04:14 PM