



John M. Chase, Jr.

July 11, 1933 - November 9, 2022

John M. Chase, Jr. passed away peacefully on November 9, 2022 in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. John was survived by his friend Kathleen, his four children, Anne (Robert), Cheryl (Matt), John (Heather) and Paul (Heather) along with his seven grandchildren; Jack, Thomas, Lanie, Ellie, Lauren, Olivia and Christian. John was predeceased by his parents, John M. Chase and Esther H. Chase, as well as his brother, Alan H. Chase. John graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1950. He earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in 1954 and a law degree in 1957. John was an avid supporter of the University of Michigan where he earned All American honors in swimming. John also held an NCAA record in the backstroke. John has been a season ticket holder for Michigan football for over 70 years. John would fondly recall his days as a lifeguard at the Pier Park and the annual lifeguard open water swimming competitions held in Lake St. Clair. John began his legal career in the U.S. Attorney's office in Detroit. He moved to private practice with his dear friend, the late Hon. George E. Woods and then practiced law for 29 years with his son, John, and worked with his loyal assistant, Sandra for 38 years. John had a passion for the law and his work ethic was notable. John treasured his family and spending time at his lake house. John had a fondness for ice cream. Making ice cream with his children and later his grandchildren was a favorite pastime. John loved the theatre and passed that love to his children and grandchildren. John was involved in several charitable endeavors and enjoyed sharing his time and talents. A

Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Monday, November 21st at 10 AM at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

NOV **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church
157 Lake Shore Drive
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Tribute Wall



“ *John M. Chase, Jr.*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Mr Chase was my mother's Probate lawyer, he helped me at a time when no one else could..I will always remember him for his honesty and candor. Me he rest in peace*
Danny Brown

Danny Brown - November 21, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ *I worked with John back in the 1970s when he was serving as Trustee of the Ann Arbor Railroad Company. He was one of those people who, as soon as I met him, I felt that I'd known forever. We didn't speak often through the years but, whenever we did, it was as though no time had passed. He was a delightful soul and I'm sure his family and friends will miss him terribly. Please accept my condolences in the loss of this wonderful man.*

Linda Peecher - November 21, 2022 at 03:26 AM



“ *John Chase was one of the finest lawyers to ever practice in the probate courts in Michigan. When he spoke, judges listened. His passion for the law and his work ethic were unparalleled. He represented the highest ethical standards and never shied away from a challenge. Judges knew they could trust him. He will be missed! Milton L. Mack, Jr., Wayne County Probate Judge (retired)*

Milton Mack - November 20, 2022 at 11:24 AM