



## David Matthew Hartigan

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A Man of Profound Intellect, Brilliant Wit,  
Noble Heart and Absolute Integrity

David Matthew Hartigan (82) passed away peacefully, lovingly cared for by his family, on February 25th, 2023 just blocks from where he grew up in Rogers Park.

The pillar and guiding light to his very close family, he is survived by Kathleen Barrett, and together they were parents of a wonderful family that brought them great joy and pride; five children Rachel Dewey (Chauncey), David L. Hartigan, Peter Hartigan (Vanessa), Alexander Hartigan, Andrew Hartigan (Aimee) and eleven grandchildren Chauncey III, Oliver, Catherine D., David M. II, Margaret, Rohan, Madeline, Alexander II, Michael, Luke, and Catherine H.

David is a graduate of Georgetown University where he majored in History, a passion that continued through his life. He also graduated with a Juris Doctor from Loyola University Law School.

The depth and breadth of his professional career was astounding. After graduating from Loyola, he joined the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission as a trial lawyer investigating securities fraud until his appointment to the United States Attorney's Office.

As Assistant U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, David served as the Chief of the Tax Division, Deputy Chief of the Civil Division and litigator in the Criminal Division. He uniquely served on a bi-partisan basis under four U.S. Attorneys Bauer, Hanrahan, Foran and Thompson.

In the private sector, David was a founding partner of Hartigan & Ward. Later, he became a Partner at Wilson & McIlvaine and Altheimer & Gray.

Furthermore, he served in several consulting and board level roles in politics, law and non profit sectors:

- Catholic Conference of Illinois, Legislative Counsel, representing Cardinals Cody & Bernardin and the Catholic Bishops of Illinois
- Hotel Employee and Restaurant Employee International Union (HERE), Trustee & Chairman of the Finance Investment Committee with over 250,000 employees
- ARDC - Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission, Chairman appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court for over 10 years
- Catholic Lawyers Guild of Chicago, Chairman for over 10 years
- Federal Bar Association, President Chicago Chapter
- Goodman Theater, Board of Trustees
- Shakespeare Marionette Company, Board Member
- Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Trustee

But more than anything else, his expansive love extended to the entire Hartigan Clan, his nephews and nieces, John Hartigan (Maureen), Elizabeth

Connelly (Matt), Laura Jenkins (Jeff), Cristina Soeiro (Stephen Collins), David Soeiro, Aileen Caffrey (Henry), Andrew Furlong, and Johnna Hirsch (Brent). And he leaves his older brother Hon. Neil F. Hartigan (MaryLou), sisters Mary Soeiro (Raul), and Coletta "Itti" Furlong (John). He was preceded in death by his parents. Coletta and David Hartigan and his sister Aileen.

Friends - when you were a friend of David, you were a friend for life. He always put others first and had an uncanny way of knowing who needed his love and support the most. David will be deeply missed.

Funeral Mass: Saturday, March 4th 10:00 am at St. Ignatius Catholic Church at 6559 N. Glenwood Avenue, Chicago followed by a private family interment. Visitation is Friday, March 3rd at the Barr Funeral Home at 6222 Broadway, 4:00 - 7:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to: Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (<https://www.jdrf.org>)

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

700 N River Road  
DesPlaines, IL 60016  
<http://www.catholiccemeterieschicago.org/locations.php?cem=2>

# Previous Events

## Visitation / Viewing

**MAR 3.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Barr Funeral Home  
6222 N. Broadway  
Chicago, IL 60660  
(773) 743-4034  
[info@barrfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@barrfuneralhome.com)  
<https://barrfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Mass

**MAR 4.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St Ignatius Catholic Church  
6559 N Glenwood Ave  
Chicago, IL 6626

# Tribute Wall



“ *Barr Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of David Matthew Hartigan*



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**Barr Funeral Home** - March 05, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *David Matthew Hartigan*

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October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Condolences to the Hartigan clan from the Ahern family (Ignatius/ Gertrude's). May your memories bring you comfort.*

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**ellen ahern** - March 10, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Hartigan Family, especially his brother, Neil, a friend of many years. My prayers are for David and his Family.*

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**Michael Kelly** - March 03, 2023 at 05:04 PM

TS

“ Dave arrived at Georgetown University to begin his sophomore year in college majoring in History. He was one of my closest friends at Georgetown and remained a close friend up until the time of his death. At Georgetown he was one of the go to guys if you had a problem of any kind or needed someone to talk to. He was always very balanced and thoughtful.

*A great card player, he introduced me and others to the game of Euchre and we enjoyed many enjoyable times with the cards.*

*Through Dave's help, I joined him as a part time staff person to Congressman William Murphy a Democratic from Illinois. What a wonderful experience. We abstracted articles on African affairs to help prepare the Congressman for his service on the African Subcommittee of the House Foreign Relations Committee. We also arranged tours of the FBI, the White House and other venues for constituents visiting Washington .*

*Dave arranged for my roommate, Henry Ruder, and me to attend President Kennedy's Inaugural Ball. What a wonderful experience. My date for that historic event was his sister, Coletta "Itti" Furlong. We had a terrific evening.*

*Several times I traveled home at the end of the year with Dave in his famous Oldsmobile. He was extremely generous with several of us on Campus when we needed "wheels" for some reason.*

*Dave also introduced me to John Conlon, a colleague of his in the U.S. Attorney's office in Chicago who became one of my partners at Hopkins & Sutter.*

*I cannot say enough about Dave, he was brilliant and a very good friend. When I needed legal counsel, Dave was the first person I contacted. He always had sage advise and solid recommendations as to how to proceed. I will miss him very much. His family should be very proud of his contributions to us all and to society. May he*

*rest in peace and may we be comforted by the hope of seeing him again in heaven.*

**Thomas Shields** - March 03, 2023 at 01:41 PM

RA

*Tom, thank you for your kind thoughts and memories of our Dad...I know you had a very special place in his heart as well. - Rachel*

**Rachel** - March 08, 2023 at 09:53 AM

RW

“ *So sad to hear of David passing last weekend. He did so much to help others, especially in the Charity Area and was a great friend.. Always looked forward to working with him on visits to Chicago. Our deepest sympathy for the Family and Prayers for Faith and Comfort during this difficult time...Jan and Reggie Wright, Vestavia Hills, Alabama*

**Reginald Wright** - March 01, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of David Matthew Hartigan.*



March 01, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ *All our love, The Hoya Gals and Ralph purchased the Divine Light for the family of David Matthew Hartigan.*



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**All our love, The Hoya Gals and Ralph** - March 01, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Matthew Hartigan.*



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March 01, 2023 at 08:11 AM