



James Tomlinson Fort

April 14, 1928 - December 31, 2020

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Age 92, of Fox Chapel, passed away on Thursday, December 31, 2020.

Married to Judith A. Davis from 1959 until her death 2009; father of Edward Tomlinson Fort (married Malgorzata Mozer 1995), Madeline Marie Fort (married James Eckstand in 2001 until his death in 2015) and Annabelle Fort; and grandfather of three.

James was born in Albany, NY, at the age of two the family moved to Long Island. In 1940 they moved to Pittsburgh where he graduated of Wilkinsburg High School. He attended Allegheny College, majoring in economics, and Yale Law School. James worked as a partner and senior partner for Reed Smith Shaw and McClay for more that 50 years. He was awarded the Shaw's Lion Award for Outstanding Achievements in the Practice of Law. He was a board member of the Pittsburgh Dance Council, Pittsburgh Ballet, Pittsburgh Opera, Carnegie Mellon University, Allegheny College and the Dreyfus Corporation.

A celebration of his life will be held at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church in either August or September 2021, after the Covid pandemic has ended.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Pittsburgh Dance Council, 803 Liberty Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 (412-471-1916).

Tribute Wall



“ *James Tomlinson Fort*

October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



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October 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *I want to let Tom's family know what an outstanding lawyer, partner and person he was to all of us at Reed Smith. He was one of a kind -- and a truly brilliant man. He helped me learn how to be a lawyer and an executive and I always enjoyed talking to him about business, law and life. He made a big impact on the lives of hundreds of young lawyers over the years and I will always remember him. Greg Jordan*

Greg Jordan - February 09, 2021 at 03:44 PM