

alike, to busboys, cabbies, and store clerks as well; a man who lived life to the fullest and yet always had a kind word for whomever he encountered in the wide, wide world he so loved to explore.

We lost our friend John Cassidy on October 21. While some might be tempted to say at 88 years John lived a long life—his incredible vigor, his youthful enthusiasm, his passion for life, his ready smile, and the twinkle in his eye—all underscore how the world was robbed by the sudden death of John Cassidy.

And so I wish to pay tribute to John Joseph Cassidy, a writer and painter, a gardener and chef, a legal scholar and mentor to decades of young students, and most of all, a devout family man whose definition of “family” embraced so many beyond his cherished wife Cynthia, his daughters Susan Ross Cassidy of Newton, MA, Carrie Elizabeth Goertz of Anchorage, AK, and Alice Madeline Meyre of Richmond, VA, and his six grandchildren John, Ned, Jennifer, Kate, Margaret, and Thomson.

I was proud to be part of that large extended family, and I mourn his loss.

Cassidy—how he invariably identified himself on the phone—was a native Washingtonian, a rarity here in the Nation’s Capital. John graduated from Georgetown University and then its law center and maintained a lifelong allegiance to both institutions, including service on the university’s board of directors and the law center’s board of visitors. That type of unfailing allegiance is vintage John Cassidy, as I came to learn over the decades of our close friendship.

Even as a young lawyer, Cassidy became active in civic affairs, serving as vice chairman of Montgomery County’s Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Commission and as chair of the town council of Chevy Chase Section 4. He served in the Army’s JAG Corps where, in his typically self-deprecating style, he described his several years in Iceland as time honing his salmon-fishing technique with visiting senior officers.

Upon his return to the United States in the early 1960s, John served as executive assistant to the board of monitors appointed by the court to oversee the Teamsters as part of a Department of Justice settlement with the union concerning charges for corruption. He became a trial attorney in the Justice Department and a trusted aide to Attorneys General Robert Kennedy and Nicholas Katzenbach.

To be with Cassidy was to be with history. I remember once, when I walked him out of the Russell Building by my office in SR-135, he looked out at the Upper Senate Park extending down to where the Teamsters building stood. John gazed over and said, “Hoffa used to call that the ‘Trail of Tears’ as he came up to testify in the Senate.” With that, he was off to Constitution Avenue to flag a cab back to his office.

That was what life with Cassidy was like, and I will miss that so much about him.

Indeed, conversations with Cassidy were not ripped from a “Law & Order” marathon, a rapid-fire back and forth of case citations. Conversations with Cassidy were a meandering path, filled with history, commentary, a few recipes, jokes, and, yes, gardening tips. Conversations with Cassidy were an experience to be savored and long remembered.

In 1965, Cassidy left Justice, forming the Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin law firm with several of his former colleagues. Bill France, Sr., the founder of NASCAR, a major target of Hoffa’s efforts, became one of the firm’s anchor clients, a relationship that lasted for decades. Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin became a go-to law firm for public officials and business leaders under investigation for criminal offenses, a cadre that multiplied during the Watergate prosecutions and under the Independent Counsel Act that followed.

Miller Cassidy went on to represent a President, two former Attorneys General, numerous Senators and Representatives, six judges, and dozens of high-ranking executive branch officials.

When former partner Jamie Gorelick was nominated to be Deputy Attorney General in 1994, the Wall Street Journal said of the firm in an editorial that “among Beltway bigwigs, its phone number is posted right next to 911.”

For a small law firm, a remarkable number of the firm’s alumni were confirmed by the Senate to positions in the judicial and executive branches. They include a Deputy Attorney General, a Solicitor General, two Assistant Secretaries of the Treasury for Terrorist Financing, General Counsels of the CIA and Defense Department, three Federal appellate judges, and three U.S. District judges. No fewer than a dozen alumni became deans or professors at prominent law schools. Nearly all were mentored during their careers by John Cassidy.

In 2001, John called to tell me that he and most of the other lawyers from Miller Cassidy were joining the Washington, DC, office of Baker Botts, where he continued to practice until the brief illness that preceded his death. Throughout his career at Miller Cassidy and Baker Botts, John was renowned for how passionately he fought to protect the interests of his clients, many of whom remained friends for decades after their legal matters were resolved.

Former Secretary of Treasury and later Secretary of State James Baker, a senior partner at Baker Botts, said to me about John Cassidy, “John Cassidy was a great lawyer, but he was also, I think more importantly, a great friend. He had all the tools one would look for in an advocate and an advisor, and he knew how to work both the judicial process and the negotiating table to the benefit of his clients. But John also really cared about your response when he asked ‘How are you doing?’ He was truly a genuine person, and it seems we

are missing too many of his kind of people these days . . . and not only in the legal profession.”

There are so many fond memories I have of life with Cassidy. Indeed, my relationship with him started over a legal matter, but we quickly became friends, and that was true for so many of my colleagues who sought John’s capable legal advice to save us from demise.

I remember how John would interrupt tense negotiations with a quick quip or story that changed the room’s dynamic and helped bring resolution to the matter at hand. I remember how he would bring to restaurants his famous jams from his carefully tended Berry Farm in Potomac. At Ristorante Tosca, he was often seen bringing his homemade caramels or preserves into the kitchen, insisting the chef and staff partake of his food long before he ever ordered his meal.

I remember Cassidy’s love of golf led him to significant charitable work with the Tiger Woods Foundation. John and I were equally skilled as golfers, and that is not a compliment to him or me. While even on our very best days neither of us could threaten to break par, playing golf with John was an experience that ran counter to the title, but fully in the spirit, of Tom Boswell’s wryly named book, “A Good Walk Spoiled.”

Spending time with John was always a treasure.

I remember John’s vibrant pastel drawings; he often drew inspiration from his magnificent garden at the Berry Farm—garden with berries and flowers, herbs, and Mr. Stripy tomato plants ten feet high. Such was his bounty.

I rue that I will never be able to pour over his draft memoirs, surely to be one of the most interesting tomes in recent history.

Once, I asked Cassidy when he was planning on retiring. He wasn’t sure. Cindy tells me, at 65, he decided to delay the decision 5 years—at 70, another 5 years—at 75, another 5 years. I have no doubt, at 90, he would have given the same reply.

In a tribute to Cassidy, his nephew, Jim, said, “John Cassidy was a friend of motorsports, a friend of NASCAR and a friend to just about whoever made his acquaintance. And he was so much more.”

That sums it up. John Cassidy was a friend to this body, a friend to our institution, and a friend to me. His passing is a loss to his family, his many friends and colleagues, and most of all, this country that he loved so much. I will miss him.

REMEMBERING DONALD DOHERTY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, McHenry, IL, lost one of its favorite sons on November 21. Donald Doherty was the mayor of McHenry from 1961 to 1973. He was a county board member for 20 years. He was a husband, a father, grandfather, a veteran of the U.S.

Army, and someone who truly loved his community. He was 91 years old.

If you go down Green Street in McHenry, you will come to the intersection of Pearl Street and Green Street and a sign for Honorary Donald P. Doherty Drive. Donald loved living in McHenry. People could always find Donald along Green Street at St. Patrick's Church or at city hall or at his family's drug store, Bolger Drugs. McHenry and his family were his life.

Before Donald became mayor in 1961, he ran the Bolger Drug Store. He was famous for going out of his way to help customers. If his store didn't have it, he would make sure the customer got it. The community rewarded him by choosing him to be mayor for 12 years.

His love of the community continued well after his time as mayor. He went on to serve as a member of the county board, the Knights of Columbus, and the McHenry Area Chamber of Commerce where he received the chamber's highest honor, the Frank E. Low Award. Donald often would consult succeeding mayors if they needed help. During McHenry Fiesta Days, you could find him as the parade marshal.

Donald helped make McHenry a better place to live for people. He loved car rides, playing bingo with his friends at the McHenry Country Club, and he missed playing Scrabble with his late wife, Rosalie. He leaves behind 10 children and 21 grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO CATHY HURWIT

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to thank a remarkable woman whose commitment to justice has helped more people in my State and in our Nation than she will probably ever know.

Her name is Cathy Hurwit. For the last 20 years, she has served as chief of staff to my friend from Chicago, Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky.

Cathy Hurwit is retiring from public service at the end of this year. This week, as she was packing up her office in the Rayburn building, a coworker happened to see her pull a photo from a drawer and pack it away with her books and files. It was a signed photo of Cathy with President Barack Obama.

That small incident tells you a lot about Cathy Hurwit. You see, for Cathy, public service has never been about personal gain. She has no use for "vanity walls" covered with photos of herself with powerful people.

Where others might hang a photo of themselves with a President, Cathy Hurwit hangs a poster from a rally to save Social Security and Medicare. For her, public service has always been about helping others and making our government better and fairer.

Cathy Hurwit is an icon in the progressive movement. She is committed to her values, and she is a genius at organizing and legislating. She knows how to use power to help others, whether in the minority or majority.

She didn't set out to work on Capitol Hill. Her first job after college was working as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer, helping migrant laborers in Utah.

She went back to school to earn a master's in journalism. After her first year, she was hired as a summer intern by Congressman Toby Moffett. She never went back to "J school."

She worked as Congressman Moffett's energy policy director for 3 years.

She then worked as adviser to the Subcommittee on Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources of the House Government Operations Committee, followed by 2 years as legislative director for then-Congressman, now Senator, ED MARKEY.

Cathy left Capitol Hill to become legislative director for Citizen Action, a coalition of progressive organizations, from 1988 to 1997. After that came 2 years as legislative director and healthcare policy expert for the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, one of the great public employee unions in our country.

Cathy had vowed never to return to Capitol Hill. Thank goodness, Congresswoman SCHAKOWSKY persuaded her to change her mind.

Few people know more than Cathy Hurwit about the complexities of healthcare policy or about the consequences of the healthcare policy decisions we make in Congress for ordinary people. If you are among the millions of Americans who are grateful that insurers can no longer deny you coverage or charge you astronomically more for health insurance because of a preexisting medical condition, you can thank Cathy Hurwit. She was fighting for a Patients' Bill of Rights more than 20 years ago. With Congresswoman SCHAKOWSKY and others, she helped to include that and other essential protections in the Affordable Care Act.

Her work has improved the lives of millions of Americans.

While Cathy is leaving the Hill, she is not leaving the fight. I hope that she will find a little more time to enjoy a good show at the Kennedy Center. I know that she will continue to be a force for social justice.

BIPARTISANSHIP

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, on November 6, millions of Americans, including thousands of Vermonters, headed to the polls to cast their votes in these midterm elections. Back home, Vermonters reelected our governor, Governor Phil Scott, a Republican, to another term in office. They also returned Democratic majorities to the State house and senate.

I was moved by the remarks delivered by Governor Scott on election night. Of the elections, he said, "Vermonters are saying they want us to work for them, not against each other. They are saying we need to listen to one another and prove to the

rest of the nation that in Vermont we can and will rise above partisan politics."

I have spoken in Vermont about Governor Scott's speech. I believe his remarks show how we work together in Vermont and how we should work together in Washington. I am proud of the challenge put forth by Governor Scott. I know that, in Vermont, it is a challenge we can meet.

The book will soon close on the 115th Congress, one in which one party controlled majorities in both the House and Senate and the White House. The book will open on the 116th Congress, where I hope we can move forward with the bipartisan spirit that Governor Scott challenged us all to adopt in his remarks on election night. As it has throughout our Nation's history, Vermont is leading by example. It is an example I implore every Senator to follow. Let's focus on what unites us, rather than promote greater division between us.

I ask unanimous consent that the remarks of Vermont Governor Phil Scott be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

VERMONT GOVERNOR PHIL SCOTT'S ELECTION NIGHT SPEECH—TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

Thank you all very much for being here tonight.

First, I want to thank my family—especially my wife Diana and my daughters Erica and Rachael, my mom and many other family members for their love and support. I wouldn't be standing here today without you.

Throughout my life—whether it be in business, racing or politics—I've been able to bring people together who have the right attitude and chemistry.

I'd like to first thank my team. Both my campaign team who worked long days that became longer nights; as well I want to thank my cabinet and my staff who stuck with me through thick and thin. I'm blessed with an incredibly talented team, so loyal and bright, who have spent the last two years working to make the vision we share for Vermont a reality.

Now I know we've taken tonight off, but I look forward to continuing our work, with all of you, first thing tomorrow morning.

Tonight, 180 Vermonters were elected to serve as our Legislature for the next two years.

I want to personally congratulate each of them—some here this evening. I look forward to working with you in the coming months. And "work" being the key word because there's so much to do.

There are few higher honors than being elected by your neighbors, for them to have enough faith and trust in you to represent them and their interests and be the person they are counting on to work on the issues that are most important to them and your community.

And there's no greater responsibility than working every day to understand and solve the problems facing our state.

For those newly elected, like I was 18 years ago, you may still think everything is black or white, yes or no, but I would warn you, there's a lot of gray in between.

Typically, there are no easy answers, no corners to cut—only hard work ahead, to do all we can to create a stronger, more vibrant future for all of us.