



Clinton Rutherford Black IV

October 24, 1946 - May 22, 2026

Clinton Rutherford Black IV passed away peacefully in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 79.

Born in NYC on October 24, 1946, Clint built a life defined by dedication to family, community, and the law. After retiring in 2016, he moved to Vero Beach, Florida, where he and his beloved wife Caroline “Cary” made their home and formed lasting ties to the community.

Clint graduated from University of Baltimore School of Law and began his legal career at the Attorney General’s Office in the Securities Division. He later joined Thomas & Libowitz, where he worked for 35 years. He was respected by the community for his integrity and professionalism.

Later, Clint served on the Billows Condominium Association Board, and the Moorings of Vero Beach Property Association Board, contributing his time and careful leadership to the organizations he cared about.

Clint, also called CR and, to his early friends, Buzzy, was a thoughtful, generous, hard-working man. He loved golf and enjoyed playing with friends and colleagues at Baltimore Country Club, the Kittansett Club in Marion MA, and the Moorings Club in Vero Beach, FL. As a member of the Maryland Club, CR and his family enjoyed many celebrations and gatherings together.

In retirement, Clint appreciated the slow pace and sunshine in Vero Beach, where he needed nothing more than a newspaper and a view of the ocean. He loved listening to classic rock and the blues; you might find him sitting in the living room, blasting the Grateful Dead or B.B. King, eyes closed and foot tapping.

Above all, Clint was devoted to his family. He is survived by his wife, Cary; his son, Clinton R Black V and daughter-in-law Kara; his daughter Emily Stuart Black Dawson and son-in-law, Felix; two grandsons, Tucker and Connor Black, a number of precious cousins, a stepbrother and several half brothers and sisters, as well as many loving and wonderful friends. He will be remembered for his intelligence, loyalty, humor, and enduring love for family and friends.

A private service will be held in Frederick in August.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Tribute Wall

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“ Clinton Rutherford Black IV was a beloved friend of mine for over sixty years. We met at the Taft School in Connecticut where we were teammates on both the football and hockey teams. Clint was an outstanding, competitive athlete. I can still envision Clint tucking the football away with his patented upright running style, and leaving the defensive players in his wake. No one was going to catch Clint Black when he kicked it into overdrive. My wife Alice and I have fond remembrances of Clint and Cary staying with us when we lived in Hawaii, and how much fun we shared together. Clint and I enjoyed drinking martini's and whenever he wanted a second or third drink he would say: "I'll have a dividend please." His sense of humor, his warmth, and his kindness will never be forgotten. I miss you my good friend. Rest in peace.

Carl P. Hennrich - May 26 at 07:35 PM