

Guy V. Molinari, Staten Island Power Broker, Is Dead at 89

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Guy V. Molinari, the longtime Republican kingpin of Staten Island who represented New York City's least populous, most conservative county as an assemblyman, congressman, borough president and political paterfamilias, died on Wednesday in a Manhattan hospital. He was 89 and had been a lifelong resident of the island.

His son-in-law, Bill Paxon, said the cause was pneumonia.

Mr. Molinari was a dominant force on Staten Island for two decades, but his influence also reached City Hall, Albany and Washington in Republican alliances with Mayors Michael R. Bloomberg and Rudolph W. Giuliani, Gov. George E. Pataki, and Presidents Ronald Reagan, George Bush and George W. Bush.

Irascible, pugnacious, a Marine in the Korean War and a lawyer for 20 years before entering politics, Mr. Molinari was elected to three terms in the State Assembly in the 1970s and to five terms in Congress in the 1980s, and was borough president from 1990 to 2001. He won 10 straight elections before losing a 1995 race for district attorney.

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