

Stahl - Murray



Murray Stahl of Chappaqua, New York, passed away suddenly on April 7, 2026. A proud son of Brooklyn, he carried the borough's indomitable spirit with him throughout his remarkable life. Murray earned a Master's Degree in History from Brooklyn College and went on to receive his MBA from Pace University. That combination — the historian's long view and the businessman's practical intelligence — defined everything he would go on to build. As co-founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Horizon Kinetics, he led the firm with tireless energy, creative conviction, and an integrity that was evident in every decision he made, both professionally and personally. To know Murray was to encounter a mind that could not be contained by any single endeavor. He was a voracious reader who moved fluidly across disciplines, an incessant learner who believed deeply that curiosity was not just a virtue but a responsibility. He famously had a photographic memory and spoke five languages as a genuine expression of his desire to understand people and the world on their own terms. He wrote with the same depth and pre-

cision that he brought to everything else. His investment essays and broader writings were incisive, elegantly argued, and remarkably prescient — the kind of work that reads today less like analysis and more like prophecy. He had a rare gift for seeing around corners, and the clarity and courage to put it on the page. He had a natural gift for teaching as well, and he gave it freely — whether in a boardroom, across a dinner table, or in a quiet conversation while out on a walk with someone who sought his guidance. His generosity with his intellect and his time was legendary among those who knew him. He was also, in the best possible way, wonderful company; he loved to laugh. He had a storyteller's instincts — the timing, the detail, the turn of phrase that could break a room into laughter. He was gentle and reflective, the kind of person who listened as well as he spoke, who made everyone around him feel seen and valued. He inspired respect and deep affection from friends and colleagues around the world. Murray is survived by his beloved wife of 31 years, Teddi, and his children, Benjamin and Arielle, who were the pride and joy of his life. He leaves behind a firm built on his vision, a community shaped by his generosity, and an enduring example of how to live and work with both brilliance and grace. A private family service will be held in celebration of Murray's life. Memorial donations in honor of Murray's deep and lifelong passion for learning can be made to Pace University where Murray received his MBA.