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Stuart A. Gellman '61 leads the tribute at the recently dedicated William J. Casilio '61 Memorial Garden across from John Lord O'Brien Hall. With him are the Casilio family, Dean Nils Olsen and members of the Class of 1961.

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"A jewel at the University," "One of the most enjoyable places to sit on campus." These are just a few of the many positive comments heard on campus after the recent dedication of the William J. Casilio '61 Memorial Garden, which is situated directly outside John Lord O'Brien Hall on the North Campus.

In January 2004, the Class of 1961, led by Stuart A. Gellman, embarked on a fund drive to erect a memorial garden for one of their deceased classmates, William J. Casilio. Over $26,000 has been raised to date from family, friends and classmates of Casilio, who passed away in June 2001. In one of the letters, Gellman wrote to his classmates, he was remembered for "an indomitable spirit for which his peers were envious."

The William J. Casilio Memorial Garden was dedicated on a sunny morning Sept. 12, 2004, in a small ceremony. Joan Casilio Adams '87, daughter of the deceased, spoke on behalf of the Casilio family. "We are honored to have this garden dedicated to our father," she said. "This is a wonderfully appropriate tribute to our dad. We are grateful to Stuart Gellman for conceiving the idea and to the Class of 1961 for generously supporting it."

Following the dedication, classmates and guests were invited into O'Brien Hall for a champagne brunch and tour of the facility by Dean Nils Olsen. For more photos of the garden, see the inside front cover of the UB Law Forum.

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Donors 63
Dollars $33,427
Participation 24%

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