



John P. Behan

June 1, 1956 - April 24, 2026

Troy- John (Jake) Patrick Joseph Behan - Born June 1st, 1956 in Troy, NY passed away on Friday, April 24th at his home after a brief illness. Jake was the son of Agnes Pellerin Behan and Laurence Francis (Frank) Behan. Jake is survived by his beloved children Jessica, Meghan, and Maxwell. He now joins his second wife Cherie of Illinois and his siblings, eldest sister Carolyn Butler, and older brother Michael Behan.

Jake was the seventh child from an Irish Catholic family of eight. He is survived by sisters Shirley DiScanio, Mary Cyr, Noreen Carman, Pauline Behan and brother Robert (Bobby) Behan.

Jake attended St. Francis de Sales elementary and was a 1975 Catholic Central High School (CCHS) graduate where he excelled athletically in baseball and football. Jake played semi-professional football for the Albany Metro Mallers. Jake traveled to Illinois, following his Mother, Agnes there, and made Chicagoland his home for over twenty years. His life took him to North Carolina briefly, loving Topsail Island, before returning to Troy, NY.

He deeply loved music, especially Irish singer-songwriter Van Morrison, and passed that love to his children. He had a unique whistle that made all music better, especially while singing along to songs while driving in his truck.

He truly loved watching sports. His favorite teams were the Baltimore Orioles - Go O's!, Dallas Cowboys along with the Chicago Bears, Cubs, and Bulls. He was a huge fan of college sports, with a favoritism for the University of Michigan Wolverines and RPI. Go Blue!

Jake made his debut movie appearance in the 1993 comedy, Groundhog Day. Filmed in Woodstock, IL, Jake was an extra, and can be seen multiple times, most prominently standing next to actress Andie MacDowell, while Bill Murray's character is sculpting a large, angel ice structure.

Jake will be missed daily by his entire family, including many nieces and nephews, cousins, as well as his friends, former neighborhood (Ida Hill) and CCHS classmates.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with John's family Friday, May 1, 2026 at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 N. Allen St., Albany, NY 12206 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

John's Funeral Service will follow in the funeral home at 5:00 pm. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

To leave a message for the family or view other helpful services please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Tribute Wall

BR

“ *Happy Birthday buddy. We wish you were here to spend the day with us like you usually do. You are so missed.* ”



Bruce - June 01 at 05:38 PM

C(

“ *Sending my condolences to Jake’s family & friends!* ”

Jake, you were one of the nicest people that I have ever known. Always smiling, always polite & friendly & respectful. Never non judgmental towards anything or anyone. Last time I seen you, I could see your smile a mile away. Hey, Subb! RIP Jake!

Respectfully,

Chris Matthews (Subb/Subby)

Christopher Matthews (Subb/Subby) - May 03 at 09:09 PM

RB

“ *God Bless you John, great guy and family, best Young brother in law....* ”

Rich Butler - May 03 at 03:02 PM

GB

“ I went to St. Francis de Sales with Jake. I was on the baseball team with him despite never playing little league myself and Jake was the third baseman (Brooks Robinson) and sometimes the catcher. In 8th grade I was on the flag football team with him although I was 90 pounds soaking wet. Hacker made me the center. I remember a game when our QB Pat McKenna called a run up the middle which meant I had to block a kid six inches taller and 30 pounders heavier. I dove at his ankles, he fell on top of me and Jake ran the ball up the middle for a TD. I was in agony thinking I broke my collar bone yet pretended all was well. Jake came back to the huddle for the extra point and with that infectious smile and laugh of his patted me on the shoulders and yelled..NICE BLOCK BRAD! I wore it like a badge of honor for days!

In 8th grade, to me, Jake was a prince. He was clever, athletic, humorous, loved laughter and since I was a small kid always seemed to be looking out for me. He had an indomitable and positive spirit that I will never forget. I was lucky to have known him and all the Ida Hill boys.

Rest in peace my good man.



Gregory Bradley - May 02 at 08:43 AM

CT

I too was in Jake's class at St Francis de Sales and CCHS. I remember being a cheerleader for the school or church cyo club where Jake was a star player. Rest in peace Jake.

Cecilia Rodino Testa

Cecilia Testa - May 02 at 04:03 PM

MB

Peace and blessings for all of Jake's family and friends.

Mary Bradley - May 02 at 08:03 PM

PA

Thank you for the picture, we never saw this one!!

Pauline

Pauline - May 12 at 12:51 PM

BR

“*Going to miss you bro. You were more than just a brother in law to me. You were my friend, my neighbor and my wife's little brother. We had many great times listening to many great bands. I can still picture you at Uncle Marty's summer party sitting by the fire pit jamming out to Raisinhead. And rocking to The Shames at the Ice Zone Saratoga. And laughing your butt off when Gary Brooks told the audience I was a former dance instructor at Arthur Murray's in Albany when Emerald City was at the Dinosaur BBQ. That was the night you ordered 2 entrees, ones as your appetizer and one as your dinner. Always enjoyed those times we spent together. Whenever we went out for a couple drinks anywhere in Troy half the place knew you. Always amazed me. And you were the best dog sitter anyone could ever want. Dozer and Lily loved their Uncle Jake so much as did your little buddy Harley. Like I said I am going to miss your happy go lucky spirit forever. You were a good man and I loved you. Rest in peace brother.*

Bruce - May 01 at 07:28 PM

PB

“*Please accept our sincere condolences. We remember Jake as a sweet kid.*
Pat and Michele Behan

Pat Behan - May 01 at 04:54 PM

PA

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Pauline - May 01 at 09:43 AM

PA

Jake's happiest times!!!

Pauline - May 01 at 12:11 PM

PA

Playing sports!!

Pauline - May 01 at 12:12 PM

DA

“ *Darlene, Nick and Abby purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John P. Behan.*



Darlene, Nick and Abby - April 30 at 07:11 PM

DA

“ *Darlene, Nick and Abby planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John P. Behan.*

Darlene, Nick and Abby - April 30 at 07:11 PM

DS

“ All our love to Meg, Jess, and Max. And to Shirley, Mary, Noreen, Pauline and Bobby, and all the family on the loss of John. We know the pain and difficulty of this time and hold you all in our thoughts. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Danny Shields and Dorothy, Megan, and Kevin McLoughlin

Danny Shields - April 30 at 04:39 PM

MB

Thank you so very much. Much love to all of you, too. 💕

Meg Behan - April 30 at 07:49 PM

DO

“ I will always remember our time playing football at CCHS together! Rest in peace teammate!

Dominic

Dominic - April 30 at 11:22 AM

MB

“ A few snapshots from 2025 with family & friends. Papa loved house parties where watching sports in the garage, catching up, and being a jokester were the main events.



Meg Behan - April 29 at 11:24 PM

RB

“ Going to miss your texts busting my chops when the Orioles were playing the Yankees- love ya Uncle Jake- RJ

RJ Butler - April 29 at 08:24 PM

MB

And he'll miss you too, Cuz!!

Meg Behan - April 29 at 10:32 PM