



## John C. Egan

October 11, 1929 - September 23, 2016

Glenmont-John C Egan passed away peacefully at home with his family on September 23, 2016. Mr. Egan was born in Plattsburgh, NY on October 11, 1929. He was the son of John W Egan (US Army, WW1) and Doris MacKenney Egan and grew up in Dannemora, NY.

He was predeceased by his sisters Esther (Al) Carrier, Ruth (John) Shambo, Doris (Oril) Breyette, Elinor and Alice. He is survived by his brother Richard (Frances) Egan and sister Frances Egan Benson.

Mr. Egan was married to the love of his life and best friend, Virginia Lacy Egan, on October 3, 1953 in Keeseville, NY. During their 63 years together, they raised four children (John Jr. (Judy), Gail (Reid), Dan (Peggy) and Alison (Peter)). They have 17 grandchildren: Jessica (Scott), Jack, Christina (Kai), Shelby, (David (Robyn), Kari, Brendan, Meghan (Andrew), Cal, Luke (Allison), Gavin, Ruari, Matthew, Ryan, Carolyn, Audrey, and Colleen; and four great-grandchildren, Grant, Elizabeth, Hunter and Colin.

Mr. Egan attended Dannemora public schools, studied electrical technology at Canton ATI, and studied heating and refrigeration at Hudson Valley Community College. He was awarded honorary doctorates from the Albany College of Pharmacy and the University at Albany. A veteran of the US Army Infantry, Egan served in the 3rd Infantry Division, 10th Mountain Division and

101st Airborne Division; he rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant.

In a public service career of over 50 years that began in the powerhouse of Dannemora prison, Egan served twice as Commissioner of the New York State Office of General Services; Commissioner of the Department of Transportation; Executive Director of the Dormitory Authority; Chief Executive Officer of the Albany International Airport; and Chairman of the Harriman Research and Technology Development Corporation. He also served as President of Renaissance Corporation.

Mr. Egan was devoted to his community. He served on the boards of local hospitals and civic organizations including the St Peter's Hospital Foundation, Wildwood Programs Advisory Board, NYS Trooper Foundation, St Matthew's Church Senior Citizens Center, New Scotland Residents Planning Advisory Committee and the Board of Catholic Charities.

The family wishes to express its thanks to Father Chris, Dr. Kevin Costello for his compassionate care, the staff at the Dialysis Institute, Inc., Maxine Lockridge for her extraordinary care, the staff of the Renaissance Corporation, and all the friends who have offered their support.

Funeral events will be private; however, the family asks that those wishing to honor John Egan's memory make charitable contributions to the Wildwood Foundation ([www.wildwood.edu](http://www.wildwood.edu), 518 836-2305) or the National Kidney Foundation ([www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org), 855-653-2273).

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John C. Egan*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to you and your family during this difficult time, may the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort "He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces"*

**Moontana** - September 30, 2016 at 06:58 PM



“ *Dear Mrs. Egan and beloved family it is with great sadness that I hear of your husband and fathers passing. I am Bob Canning's daughter and I wanted you to know how much Mr. Egan meant to my father. All the stories that my dad would tell me about his childhood in Dannemora and his two best friends, Jack Egan and Jack Jarvis! I drive up there every few years to remind me of how lucky that I am to have roots in the North Country. My dad was so proud of your husband and father. Thinking of you all, I send peace and comfort ! I am sure that Bob and Jack are together again having fun. Pamela Canning O'Brien*

**Pamela O'Brien** - September 29, 2016 at 07:26 PM



*Dear Mrs. Egan and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. To reiterate what my sister Pamela spoke about brings such fond memories of my childhood with the "Egan" Family. We had such great gatherings and would always look forward to the next time. Gail was my first "penpal" as we were the same age. Sending all of the "Canning Love" your way.  
Cheryl Canning Woodruff*

**Cheryl Woodruff** - September 30, 2016 at 08:49 AM

MW

“ John was a great friend of the Jewish Community and felt strongly about everyone working together as one. I was truly inspired by his philosophy, down to earth no nonsense business manner and wonderful stories about his relationship with Marty Silverman. I carry in my wallet a 2-dollar bill that John gave me which says "if it is to be, it is up to me". John was a treasure and inspiration, he will be truly missed.

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**Mark Weintraub** - September 28, 2016 at 10:04 AM

CT

“ john was always so very forceful and willing to use all his powers to even out the scales of justice for people of color, be they firefighters like our nephew lewis or in many other walks of life. a true inspiration and role model for me!

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**charles touhey** - September 28, 2016 at 09:19 AM

BF

“ To the Eagan family. Very sorry for your loss. Your father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather will be sadly missed.

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**Bill Praisner and Family** - September 26, 2016 at 09:04 PM

CR

“ It was indeed a privilege to have known John Egan. He was my Commissioner at OGS during both his first and second appointments. Commissioner Egan was a brilliant man. His ability to empower his staff enabled the Commissioner to know that his staff would "give their all" to get the job done; And done well, I might add.

*His leadership ability was second to none.*

*My condolence to his family. Commissioner Egan will be missed by many.*

*Connie Rissberger*

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**Connie Rissberger** - September 26, 2016 at 06:14 PM

KD

“ Rest in peace, John. Of all of your wonderful attributes, and accomplishments, your fairness, your decency, your compassion and your humor will shine on as an example to those who aspire to walk in your footsteps.

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**KAREN DEE** - September 26, 2016 at 04:17 PM

DH

“ To the Egan Family. You have lost the greatest of a husband, father and grandfather. The rest of us who knew and worked with John, he was our patriarch, teacher and friend. John will always be our memories along with your. His guidance will always be a lasting inspiration to all of us that had the opportunity to work with him. May your spirits always be touched by his greatness.

*Dwight and Nancy Hadley*

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**Dwight Hadley** - September 26, 2016 at 04:11 PM

MT

“ John was a person who truly lived his Christianity. He treated everyone with dignity and respect. He never forgot his hometown, Dannemora, and always mentioned it in every article ever written about him. My parents always remembered that when they came to visit him at the airport, they were treated like royalty while being shown around by John. He seemed to love people from all walks of life. We need more people like him in positions of authority in today's world. My heart goes out to all of his family at the loss of this great man.

*Monica Gilroy Thomas  
daughter of Carlton and Eleanor Gilroy*

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**Monica Thomas** - September 26, 2016 at 03:27 PM

TC

“ To the Egan Family and Friends:

*There will never be another like John C. Egan. He was the greatest public servant the State of New York has had since Robert Moses. He was warm, generous, and a great inspiration. But more than these, he was a decent human being. It was my honor to have served under him. Hollyse and I wish to express our sincere condolences to his family.*

*Tom Cooper*

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**Thomas H. Cooper** - September 26, 2016 at 02:22 PM

GD

“ Jack was a lifelong family friend and an esteemed colleague. One of the great native sons of the North Country. Grew up with my mother's family, the Herrons, in Dannemora. Later I had the good fortune to begin a 20 plus year connection with Jack in my role as President of the North Country Chamber, working with him on transportation projects and other matters. Always a gentleman. A keen strategist. He leaves behind an amazing body of work which will continue to benefit New Yorkers for decades to come.

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**Garry Douglas** - September 26, 2016 at 01:22 PM

JM

“ Ginny and family, Jack and I send our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your beloved Jack. May happy memories carry you all through this sorrowful time. Moshers

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**Jack & Jane Mosher** - September 26, 2016 at 01:10 PM

WI

“ The Egan Family,

So very sorry to hear about John's passing. It was an honor and pleasure to know and work with John throughout the years, he was an inspiration to all who knew him and will be truly missed. Thoughts and prayers to the entire Egan family from the Ritz family...

*William J Ritz III*

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**William J Ritz III** - September 26, 2016 at 10:55 AM

KE

“ Gail, I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Thinking of your Mom as well and your children.

*Kathy Essig*

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**Kathy Essig** - September 26, 2016 at 10:35 AM

EN

“ *The Egan Family:*

*My condolences for the loss of your most beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather and brother.*

*A most thoughtful, considerate, intelligent, kind and generous man. His passing is a loss to all with the great good fortune to have met him.*

*Your sense of loss must be overwhelming.*

*Was employed at the N.Y.S. Dep't of Transportation during his years there as Commissioner. Upon his arrival, he began a process of transformation, all of which resulted in improvement for all who worked there. It was a blessing to work under his leadership.*

*May your feelings of bereavement and grief be, mercifully, short.*

*God bless you all.*

*Edward J. Bradley, Sr. - Albany, N.Y.*

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**Edward J. Bradley, Sr. - Albany, N.Y.** - September 26, 2016 at 09:33 AM

NC

“ *The family of Governor Hugh L. Carey sends condolences to the Egan family. John was not just a great public servant but a great man. We will miss our friend. Nancy Carey Cassidy*

**Nancy Carey Cassidy** - September 26, 2016 at 09:30 AM

AA

“ *Assisi In Albany lit a candle in memory of John C. Egan*



**Assisi in Albany** - September 26, 2016 at 08:55 AM

PB

“ *Pamela Bullock lit a candle in memory of John C. Egan*



**Pamela Bullock** - September 26, 2016 at 08:54 AM

TT

“ *We extend our deepest sympathies to the entire Egan family on John's passing. I had the great privilege of serving with John for many years on the St. Peter's Hospital Foundation Board and his dedication, intelligence, wit and smile will be sorely missed by us all.*

*Tom Tyrrell*

**Tom Tyrrell** - September 26, 2016 at 07:53 AM

DA

“ My prayers are with the Egan Family at this difficult time. I was working at the airport at the time Mr. Egan was overseeing the building of the new terminal. When I had an illness and required surgery, he sent me a beautiful note. Mr. Egan was a very thoughtful and caring man and it was my pleasure to know him. Donna Abdella

Donna Abdella - September 25, 2016 at 04:05 PM

SC

“ Over the years, I met Mr. Egan at numerous public events and made a point to acknowledge his extraordinary leadership in advancing the Capital Region and much of Upstate New York through his several executive administrative positions in state government. We, who use the Albany International Airport, are particularly indebted to him for his tenacity in modernizing and expanding this airport and advancing the region's air transportation. He was a leader extraordinaire and will be long remembered. My condolences to the Egan family.

Sorrell E. Chesin, Ph.D.  
President  
UAlbany Emeritus Center

Sorrell E. Chesin - September 25, 2016 at 01:39 PM



“ Layla Waters lit a candle in memory of John C. Egan



Layla Waters - September 25, 2016 at 09:41 AM

DF

“ *Peg, Dan, John and families*

*So sorry for your loss.*

*Dave Friedrichs*

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**DAVE FRIEDRICKS** - September 25, 2016 at 08:56 AM

KS

“ *I worked for Commissioner Egan at the Department of Transportation for many years and can honestly say I've never been prouder to work for the State then when he was our leader. He was such a friendly, dedicated and humble man. He made us want to work harder, to make him proud. His legacy of being a truly great family man in work and at home is something his family can be so proud of. We all share in your loss and sadness. When he led at DOT, his saying was 'we get stuff done' - and he certainly did! My thoughts and prayers go to his family.*

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**Kathy Smolinski** - September 25, 2016 at 07:51 AM

RZ

“ I had the honor of serving as deputy commissioner to John at the Office of General Services for five years and I can proudly say that no one , in my thirty-four years in government service was more dedicated in serving the people of our state than Commisioner John Egan. John was a person vision, and action but even more than that, a man of compassion who truly cared about all of us who worked for him. To John, OGS was his family and we all loved him like the warm and gentle father that he was. Our world is better for having John being with us on our journey. We have lost a dear friend but continue to be blessed by knowing him and sharing all the wonderful accomplishments of his life. To John's wife Ginny , their children ,grandchildren And great grandchildren we send our love and deepest sympathy.  
Dick and Sheila Van Zandt and family.

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**Richard Van Zandt** - September 25, 2016 at 07:06 AM

TH

“ There is something very, very special about a life well lived. We are retired NYS employees and there was not a period during our 30+ year careers that John was not our role model for an excellent public servant. Certainly the children and grandchildren of John C. Egan can look back – as can we all – in admiration and appreciation. May you find comfort in the memories of your father and grandfather during this difficult time. Sincerely, Carmen & Tom Hogan

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**Thomas Hogan** - September 25, 2016 at 05:24 AM

PL

“ To Egan family....my deep condolences an understanding of his dialysis treatments,..my father an grandfather knew john well, his best ideas were based on his roots..  
Paul M LaVarnway.

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**paul lavarnway** - September 24, 2016 at 09:11 PM