



John "Jack" Joseph Evers

March 21, 1943 - February 21, 2022

Albany-John "Jack" Joseph Evers, 78. Born in Eternal Life Monday, February 21, Anno Domini 2022. Jack was born in Lansingburgh on March 21, 1943. He attended St. Augustine's parochial school, and upon moving to Albany, Cathedral Academy and later St. Vincent DePaul grammar school. He graduated from Albany High School in 1961 and from Siena College with a BA in history in 1965.

He worked for over 30 years as a salesman and later Vice President of the family-owned Johnny Evers Sporting Goods Company in Albany, NY. He later worked for Raymour and Flanigan. Upon retirement from the Bill Drafting Commission, he worked briefly as a court attendant for Albany County. Unbeknownst to many except family he started his life as a police officer for the Thousand Islands State Park Commission after working at the Sagamore Hotel but he opted to return to the family business.

He married to Alice-Ann (Broome) on October 27, 1967 and raised four children in the Pine Hills section of Albany (St. Teresa's parish), later moving to Buckingham Lake neighborhood (St. Catherine's parish). Active in the community and parish life, he served as a coach at National Little League, President of the St. Teresa of Avila School Board, Chairman of the St. Teresa's Annual Bazaar, Commissioner of Colonie Pop Warner football, a 58-year member of Albany Lodge of Elks BPOE #49, Knights of Columbus #173,

Sons of the American Legion Post #30, member of the Catholic Order of Allhambra, and Officer in the CBA Father's Club. He was an usher for decades at the 10:45am Sunday Mass at St. Teresa's and frequent communicant at Mater Christi's weekday 8 am Mass.

Personally appointed a Democratic Committeeman by Dan O'Connell himself in 1967, he represented the First Ward, First District and later the 6th district in the 14th ward. He was one of the initial board members of City of Albany's Water and Sewer District Commission. In the mid-1970s he served as the Chairman of the Citizens Review Commission for the Comprehensive Education & Training Act (CETA) that helped distribute millions of federal dollars in education and training programs employing thousands throughout the City of Albany.

A national figure within the sporting goods industry, Jack served for almost 20 years as Vice Chair of the National Sporting Goods Dealers Association Annual Convention Committee. He was a familiar face in every high school, college and athletic program in upstate New York from the 1950s through the 1990s.

An avid reader, he enjoyed watching sports, the NY Giants, Boston Red Sox and seeing his grandchildren. He would regale listeners with Albany tales, high school sports in the "golden days", political tales from the O'Connell-Corning days, his time as a student in Cathedral Academy, the Campus Cleaners at Siena when he was "a day hop" (commuter), and his first neighborhood in Lansingburgh (always the "Burgh" not North Troy). His stories about the Johnny Evers Sporting Goods Store next to the old Elks Club on State Street in the 1940s and 1950s provided endless entertainment to avid listeners.

Family and friends were often awe struck by how many people knew him and it was a running joke that no matter where you went, he would invariably run

into an old friend.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years Alice, his children Johnny (Tracy), Mary-Jo (Larry), Robert (Celia), and Thomas; and grandchildren Connor, Emily, Jonathan, Lily, Thomas, Kiley, Teagan and Maya. His brother Joseph F. Evers, III (Annie) and sister Lisa Delaney (Tim) survive. He was predeceased by his brother Terence.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Jack's family Wednesday, February 23, 2022 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only. Unvaccinated individuals must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Funeral services Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 10:00 am at Parish of Mater Christi, Albany, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. Masks are required. You can view the Mass at [YouTube.com/C.ParishofMaterChristi](https://www.youtube.com/C.ParishofMaterChristi)

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Family would like to thank the staff of Shaker Place for their support and care. In lieu of flower family requests donation be made in his name to Mater Christi School, Albany, NY.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of John "Jack" Joseph Evers*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - February 22, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *John "Jack" Joseph Evers*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *We extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire, Evers, family! I have many fond memories of, Jack, & his vast knowledge of all things, Albany, & beyond. May he RIP!* 🙏💪🕊️❤️

Mark Gerling - February 24, 2022 at 09:09 AM



Thank you!

Alice Evers - March 08, 2022 at 08:04 AM

DM

“ My sincerest condolences to Alice and the entire Evers family on nJack's passing. I remember the first time I met Mr. Evers at the Johnny Evers Sporting goods store when I purchased a baseball golf there. I used to see him occasionally at the Albany Elks club #49 and later had the pleasure to work with him at the Legislative Bill Drafting Commission. He will be missed.

Dave Marcy

David Marcy - February 23, 2022 at 10:09 PM

LG

“ Alice: Linda and I just heard about Jack's passing. Our sympathies are with you. Jack was a pleasure to know and a good neighbor. We wish you well and if we can do anything let us know.

Larry Gambino

Linda Hunt

P.S. we would have stopped by in person but we are both positive for break through COVID 19.

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Lawrence Gambino - February 23, 2022 at 02:00 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Joseph Evers.



February 23, 2022 at 07:45 AM



“ 213 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - February 22, 2022 at 02:02 PM

JW

“ *Rob, Mary, Tommy and Johnny,*

I'm sorry to hear of the passing of your father.

Jaimie W.

Jaimie WP - February 22, 2022 at 11:19 AM

LQ

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the entire family, especially Joe and Lisa, on this sad occasion. As I type this, I can look to the bookshelf in my office and see a bit of the history I had with the store - a Spalding 1255 Triple Play EZ Flex Form Pocket Three Finger Glove circa 1957, a Hawthorne Roy Sievers Professional Model Glove circa 1961, and a Rawlings GJ52 Reggie Jackson Glove circa 1971.*

As a good friend of Terry for many, many years; we both learned a lot from Jack about how to be better people. As those who knew us at that time can attest, it sometimes (ok, maybe most times) took a bit of time before Terry and I actually followed Jack's guidance.

And now, Jack is off to be with Terry. That is sure to be quite a reunion!



Lawrence Quinn - February 22, 2022 at 09:37 AM

TC

“ *Johnny,
I am so sorry to read about your Dad. God Bless your Dad, you, and your Family during this sad time.
Tony Catalfamo*

tony Catalfamo - February 22, 2022 at 09:13 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Joseph Evers.



February 21, 2022 at 06:34 PM