



## John J. Kenneally

September 20, 1927 - November 23, 2018

Albany- John J. Kenneally, of Albany, New York, was called home to the Lord on November 23, 2018.

John was born on September 20, 1927 in Albany to the late Catherine (Hayden) Kenneally and John A. Kenneally, their only child. While attending Christian Brothers Academy, he was a member of the Track and Field team. In 1962, John married his beloved wife of 49 years, Patricia Kathleen Zeh, who passed in 2011. Through the years, they became the proud parents of three children.

A true gentleman, John embodied all that is chronicled about the “Greatest Generation,” serving with honor and distinction in the United States Army-Air Force from 1945-1946 during World War II.

With great pride in his Irish Catholic heritage, John was the longest standing member of the Albany Ancient Order of Hibernians, and for decades, marched in the City’s Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

John demonstrated an exceptional work ethic throughout his professional career in service to the Albany Railroad, Williams Press, and ultimately retiring from the Times Union during the 1990s. He was devoted to God and his family and was an active member and weekly Mass attendant at Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church. He enjoyed walking his children to school in their early years, family vacations, being a regular for breakfast at Albany's historic Jack's Diner, and watching New York Yankees baseball games.

He is survived by his loving children, Lisa Zagata of Rotterdam, Thomas and Michael Kenneally of Albany, beloved grandchildren Megan (Brian) Behne, Nathan Zagata, and dear great grandchild, Emma. He was predeceased by his grandson, Schuyler Lake.

His family would like to thank the staff at Riverside Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing, and Amazing Grace Transportation for all the wonderful care and support they provided to John.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 from 4 to 7 PM at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen St., Albany, NY 12206.

For further information or to leave an online condolence, please visit the McVeigh Funeral Home website at [McVeighfuneralhome.com](http://McVeighfuneralhome.com)

A funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, November 29, 2018 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Albany.

Burial will take place immediately after at St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry, 607 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12206.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
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Albany, NY 12206  
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## Service

NOV 29. 10:30 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church  
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)  
Albany, NY 12206  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of John J. Kenneally*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - November 28, 2018 at 11:30 AM



“ *John J. Kenneally*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

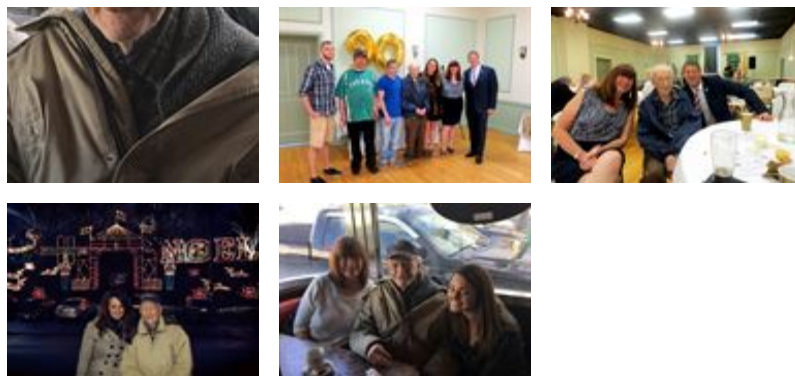
MS

“ I was sad to learn of John’s death. I read his obituary on line and he sounds like a man who absolutely had his priorities straight. He was my mother’s , Anne Powers Riley, first cousin. His mother was Kittie Hayden and her mother was Estelle Hayden. I clearly remember going to your parents’ wedding. I was about 11. It was so joyful. We all danced and celebrated. I clearly remember doing the twist! I am sorry that we never really stayed in touch. Right up until her death in 2008, my mom exchanged Christmas cards with your dad. I remember her showing me his cards. I wrote him when she passed. I did let some of the cousins know about John’s death. Bill Hayden was away ( He lives in Berne) and John Mcgrew is in poor health. He just had heart surgery in Delaware where his daughter lives. I did not get in touch with Brook Bissell, the other remaining first cousin in the Hayden line, but Jack’s niece let him know. Bill, Jack and Brook are now the only three Hayden cousins left. I wish you peace. He sounds like a great dad and a truly good man.  
Meg Riley Schneider  
Oswego, NY

meg Riley Schneider - December 10, 2018 at 01:57 PM

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“ 33 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - November 28, 2018 at 10:27 AM

MA

“ *This is a second attempt to send a message. Don't know what happened to the first. I am the daughter of Anne Powers Riley and granddaughter of Estelle Hayden Powers, a first cousin once removed. My name is Martha Riley Andreo of Bedford, NH. I first remember meeting John at his wedding in 1962. I was 13 years old and enthralled to meet all my first cousins. It was a magical time and I can still picture how beautiful your mother/grandmother looked in her dress. So sorry that I didn't get to know you all. John was a special person who will be missed by many. Glad to know that he was proud of his Irish Catholic heritage and kept the faith! God bless you all at this time of loss.*

*Martha Riley Andreo*

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**Martha Riley Andre** - November 28, 2018 at 09:43 AM

BP

“ *Mike,  
We met at St. Patricks in the early '80s where we played ball, rapped, DJ'd and partied. I have so many great memories and I'm grateful for our friendship over these last forty years. I hope you know you are family to me. Your dad will be missed.*

*Bryan M. Parker*



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**B. Parker** - November 28, 2018 at 01:52 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John J. Kenneally.*



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November 28, 2018 at 01:27 AM



“ *Lisa... So sorry to hear about your Dad... I know you have many wonderful memories... and you were so good to him... Pat DiGrigoli*

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**patricia digrigoli** - November 27, 2018 at 06:52 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John J. Kenneally.*



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November 27, 2018 at 02:08 PM

JJ

“ My memories go back about 45 years to my childhood during the days of elementary school at St. Patrick's School and Church. I spent many days at the Partridge St home doing something related to sports. "Listening" to Inside the NFL or playing "tennis" ball in the yard. I remember that Mr. Kenneally was hard working, often working evening/night shifts, and an active member of the church. It seemed that even though we were families of modest means Mr. & Mrs. Kenneally made sure they sacrificed to raise their children in their faith. I remember how Mr. Kenneally would plan a trip all the way to Philadelphia to go to a ball game. He was and is a role model.

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**James Jasiewicz** - November 26, 2018 at 10:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John J. Kenneally.



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November 26, 2018 at 12:37 PM



“ *Divine Light* was purchased for the family of John J. Kenneally.



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November 26, 2018 at 12:08 PM