

## Joseph M. Hogan

July 12, 1936 - December 13, 2023

Albany, NY-Joseph M. Hogan, 87, known respectfully by so many as “Coach Hogan”, entered Eternal Life Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at home with his beloved wife Marcia at his side.

It has been said that the beauty of teaching and coaching is that teachers and coaches get to touch lives, to make a difference in the lives of their students and players. If that is the case, then it would be hard to measure the impact Joe Hogan had on the thousands of students and athletes he impacted over the course of his career. Teaching and coaching on both the high school and college levels for over thirty years, Joe's career at Watervliet High School and Siena College was one characterized by innovation, success, and student connection.

Born on July 12, 1936, in Albany, he attended Our Lady of Angels and St. Joseph's Academy in Albany. He then entered the Holy Cross Brotherhood and attended St. Edwards University in Austin, Texas, where he graduated with a degree in Education and History. He received a master's degree in education from Siena College in 1967. Joe received his first teaching assignment upon his undergraduate graduation in 1960 at Monsignor Coyle High School in Taunton, Massachusetts, and later taught and coached at Mackin High School in Washington D.C., and Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville, Maryland. Many players from these schools went on to play

Division I basketball, and one, Austin Carr, continued on to play in the NBA. In 1966, Joe returned home to take a teaching assignment at Watervliet High School, where he served as a Social Studies teacher until his retirement in 1991. In 1970, he was awarded a National Science Foundation Grant in Economics to study at Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Joe married his wife Jean in 1966. Their son, Michael, was born the following year. After his retirement, Joe and Jean enjoyed many years wintering in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Joe's coaching career started in 1960, where he coached the freshman boys' basketball team at Monsignor Coyle, and continued with each subsequent stop in his journey. He coached the Watervliet Boys' Varsity Basketball team from 1969-1976, where he guided many players to successful high school basketball careers. In 1978 he was appointed Head Women's Basketball coach at Siena College, accumulating a 119-51 record in his tenure there until 1985, and earning him the best winning percentage of any program coach at the college. His 1981-82 team won the New York State AIAW Division II Championship defeating three of the top teams in the country. Joe was also an effective recruiter who, according to Steve Amedio writing in 2014 in the Troy Record, "brought in a number of the area's top female players, including six who each accumulated more than 1,000 career points. For all of that he is arguably the most influential coach of any distaff program, either on the high school or college level, our area has ever seen."

In addition, he coached six All-Americans or Academic All-Americans and had an impact on thousands of local youth and high school basketball players when he began the extremely successful Siena College Girls Basketball Camp, the first in the Capital District. His vision was groundbreaking.

But for all the wins and losses, it was the connection to his players that Joe

cherished most. In his induction speech to the Capital District Basketball Hall of Fame in 2014, Joe stated that he was "very fortunate to have taught such outstanding student athletes. To all those players, I am eternally grateful." Joe was also a member of the Watervliet High School Basketball Hall of Fame, the Siena College Basketball Hall of Fame, and, in 2010, he was inducted into the St. Edward's University Golden Guard.

Upon his retirement in 1991, Joe spent much of his time golfing at Pine Haven, cheering on his beloved Red Sox, and traveling with Jean to Hilton Head, South Carolina. After her death in 2006, he continued to travel, visiting Michael and Stephanie and their sons, Connor and Evan, in Florida. After rekindling an old friendship with Marcia (Casey) Sheldon, a former high school classmate, they fell in love and were married in 2008. Joe and Marcia traveled extensively, enjoying trips to Hilton Head, Las Vegas, Hawaii, Panama, and the Bahamas, to name just a few. Joe and Marcia also loved a good run to Atlantic City, Las Vegas, Turning Stone, and wherever else there was a casino. When you could catch them in town, they loved the Saratoga Racino, Saratoga Race Course, and, for Joe especially, a Boston Shake at Jim's Tastee Freeze in Delmar, NY.

Joe is survived by his wife, Marcia Casey Sheldon Hogan, son, Michael (Stephanie) Hogan, grandsons Evan and Connor Hogan, stepson Michael (Diane) Sheldon, stepdaughters Bonnie (Steve) Gold, Karen (John) Bechdol, Linda (Brian) Stumbaugh, eighteen grandchildren, and fifteen great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters Patricia Rabl (Raymond) of Queensbury, New York, and Marguerite Hogan (the late Jack Ryan) of Albany, New York, two nieces, two great nieces, one great nephew, and by Kim Sheldon, who was a special friend to Joe. He is preceded in death by his wife Jean Hogan, of Albany, NY, his stepson Jim Sheldon, of Delmar, NY, and his parents, Michael J. and Joanna Polinsky Hogan of Albany, New York.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Coach Hogan's family Monday, December 18, 2023 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.

Funeral services Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 10:30 am at Historic Church of St. Mary on Capital Hill, 10 Lodge Street (Father James Lefebvre Way), Albany, NY 12207 where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, immediately following the Mass.

All are welcome to attend and celebrate Joe's life.

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Brothers of Holy Cross, Saint Joseph's Retreat House, 495 Maple Lane, Valatie, NY 12184.

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave  
Albany, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
[info@mcveighfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@mcveighfuneralhome.com)  
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

## Service

DEC 19. 10:30 AM (ET)

Historic Church of St Mary on Capital Hill  
10 Lodge Street (Father James Lefebvre Way)  
Albany, NY 12207

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph M. Hogan*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 18, 2023 at 10:42 AM

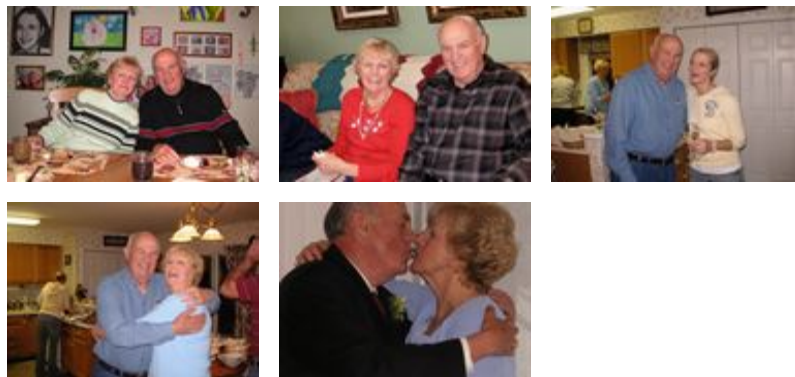


“ *Marcia: It is with great sadness that we offer condolences to you and yours. But Joe lived a charmed life, made even better by meeting you.*  
*(Old friends) Kitty and Bert Murphy*

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**Kitty Murphy** - December 18, 2023 at 03:48 PM



“ *368 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 18, 2023 at 10:40 AM

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“ Kristin K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph M. Hogan.

Kristin K. - December 18, 2023 at 08:32 AM

MD

“ Michael D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph M. Hogan.

Michael D. - December 16, 2023 at 11:23 PM

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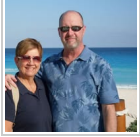
“ Mr Hogan was a great teacher.He will be missed.You are in my thoughts and prayers. Louanne Craver Wagoner

louanne wagoner - December 16, 2023 at 05:50 PM

BG

“ I played on Coach Hogan team in 1971,1972 WHS. Coach was a great person and Coach. I have many great memories.He also was my teacher.I remember coach rolling up the paper program and taping it in his hand the hole game. I think it made him relax.RIP Mr Hogan Bill Gorman.

Bill Gorman - December 16, 2023 at 08:48 AM



“ *To Marcia and the family,  
I was so heartbroken to hear of Joe's passing.  
He had to be the nicest person I ever met. He  
was my favorite teacher in high school &  
always treated everyone with respect. I  
remember when his son Michael was born because my friend  
Maggie Pike & I bought a athletic sweater for him that he told me his  
son used for his grandsons. He kept in touch with me on occasion  
on Facebook and also several phone calls and he always had a  
kind word. I hope he is at peace and his memory be eternal. He will  
always be loved and missed. Rest in peace my friend.*



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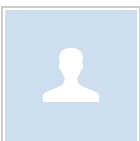
**Mary Mokay Severance** - December 16, 2023 at 08:38 AM



“ *Joe was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word. He will be  
remembered and missed by so many whose lives he touched.  
Jack & Joyce Thomas*

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**John and Joyce Thomad** - December 16, 2023 at 12:06 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family  
of Joseph M. Hogan.*



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December 15, 2023 at 07:02 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Hogan.*



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December 15, 2023 at 01:08 PM