



## Thomas Joseph Walsh

February 1, 1936 - June 30, 2016

Albany-Thomas J. Walsh of Albany, NY and Chatham, MA died peacefully June 30, 2016 surrounded by his family after a brief illness. He was 80 years old.

At the time of his passing, he was the senior partner of the Albany law firm of Walsh and Hacker, having kept working up until the last few weeks before his passing.

Born in Manhattan, he was the eldest son of the late John Walsh and Ellen Cremins Walsh. He graduated from Vincentian Institute in Albany. Thomas went on to Siena College and then to Albany Law School, graduating in 1960. After graduation, he began practicing law and soon thereafter started his own law firm. He had the good fortune of meeting Leo V. Hacker and the two of them together, through hard work and dedication, built the law firm of Walsh and Hacker, where 49 years later it still thrives.

During his 56 years of a rewarding law practice, he was admitted to the New York State Bar and the US District Court, Northern District of New York. He was also a member of the Albany County Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, American Bar Association, New York State Trial Lawyers Association, American Trial Lawyers Association, The Defense Research

Institute, as well as The College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers. He also served as an Albany County Democratic Committeeman working in his election district on behalf of Albany County Democratic candidates.

While building his law practice, Thomas also raised a family of seven children, providing for them and ensuring the benefits and rewards of higher education, thus giving them a firm footing from which to start and build their own careers and families. This was his greatest gift.

Throughout his life, Thomas never faltered with respect to his Catholic faith. It saw him through the good times and the bad times, and comforted him in his last days.

Thomas is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 57 years, Suzanne, his children, Claire Rehfuss (Stephen), Nancy Julien (Thomas), Peter, Kara Tedesco (Joseph), Sheila Hepp (David), Catherine Bugliari (Anthony), Maura Sommer (James), and his brother, Patrick Walsh (Joanne), 23 grandchildren, as well as several nieces and nephews. His loving sibling, Sister Mary Ann Walsh, R.S.M., predeceased him.

The Walsh Family would like to extend its gratitude to the partners, associates and staff of Walsh and Hacker, who have been so supportive and have never wavered through this trying time.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Thomas' wake to be held at the Chapel of the Convent of Mercy, 634 New Scotland Ave, Albany on

Wednesday, July 6, 2016. Viewing hours are 4:00pm to 8:00pm.

The Liturgy of Christian Death and Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am on Thursday, July 7, 2016 at Historic St. Mary's Church, Lodge Street, Downtown Albany.

Interment will follow in St. Agnes Cemetery, Albany (Menands).

Those wishing to remember Thomas may make a donation to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Convent of Mercy Chapel  
634 New Scotland Ave  
Albany, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Joseph Walsh*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



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

Montana - July 12, 2016 at 12:02 AM



“ *Dear Peter and Members of the Walsh Family. Candy and I are extremely saddened by the passing of Tom (TJ as he let me call him). I've known him for 43 years beginning when I worked as a Hearing Reporter for the Workers' Compensation Board in Menands. He would walk in the door to the Hearing Reporters' room, cordially say hello to all my fellow Hearing Reporters and walk to the back of the room where my desk was located and I'd tell him a joke or two, he'd chuckle, smile, we'd talk for a minute or so and then he'd walk out to the Hearing Room and commence his day's work. Candy and I continued our relationship with Tom through Candyco which has provided transcription services for Walsh and Hacker since 1977 to the present. Whenever I saw Tom at the office, he'd always ask how the family was doing with sincerity We'll miss you Tom. May the blessings of the Lord be with you and your family at this time and forever after.*

*Rich and Candy Barton*

Richard Barton - July 06, 2016 at 06:48 AM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Joseph Walsh.* ”



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July 02, 2016 at 07:11 PM