



## Dr. John B. Egan

May 25, 1936 - May 5, 2019

John Bernard Egan passed away on May 5, 2019 in Lafayette, Indiana. He was born on May 25, 1936 in Lima, Ohio, the son of John and Laverna (Grote) Egan.

John was a graduate of St. Rose High School and valedictorian of the Class of 1953. He received his bachelor's degree in Music from the College Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati in 1956 and his Ph.D. from Indiana University in 1962. While at Indiana University he served as a graduate teaching assistant in Music Theory and Piano from 1956-1959.

John met Anne-Marie Egan (nee Summers) of Westminster, MD, who was also a graduate student at Indiana University. They were married on August 23, 1958.

John and Anne-Marie journeyed to St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada where John served as an Associate Professor of Music and Director of Music from 1959-1962.

In 1962, the Egans came to Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer where John became a Professor of Music. Over the years, John served as Music Department chairman, Humanities Division coordinator, Core Director, Choir Director, Accompanist, Music Minister, and faculty sponsor of the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Faculty Fellows Program. John was a founding member and past chairman of the Council of Fellows and member of the Athletic Hall of Fame committee.

John was active in the local community and beyond. He was a music minister for St. Augustine Catholic Church in addition to many other churches over the years. John was also involved with the St. Augustine Parish Council, Knights of Columbus, Rensselaer Central Board of School Trustees, Indiana State School Board Association (past president), Rensselaer Park Board, Rotary (past district governor, past president, and Paul Harris Fellow), Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee, Ancilla College Board of Trustees, Gibault Board of Trustees, Jasper Foundation, and Lafayette

Symphony Orchestra. Former Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon recognized him with the honor of Sagamore of the Wabash.

John and Anne-Marie shared their musical talents by performing many times, many ways for the community. They played numerous dedicatory piano and organ recitals and conducted choral festivals throughout the state. Hundreds of piano students studied privately with John over the years.

John didn't know a stranger and had a remarkable gift of connecting with people, brightening their day with his smile, a bear hug, booming bass voice, encouragement, generosity, and compassion. He kept the staff of Rensselaer's Post Office hopping with his daily piles of hand-written cards to be mailed to family, friends, and strangers – near and far – often with a newspaper clipping of interest.

John is survived by his wife, Anne-Marie, his children, Weldon (Jenny) Egan of Carmel, IN, Anne-Cecile Egan of Rensselaer, Stephen (Renee) Egan of Crown Point, Kathryn (Kevin) Geleott of Rensselaer, Sean Egan of Miller, IN, Brian (Judy) Egan of Rensselaer, and Maureen of Rensselaer; 15 grandchildren, Patrick Egan, Hillary Egan, Elizabeth Thorndyke, Kristine Thorndyke, Stephen B. Egan, Colleen Egan, Shannon Egan, Brendan Egan, Andrew Geleott, Aidan Geleott, Zachary Geleott, Aubrey Geleott, Sara (Daniel) Kinsell, Connor Egan, and Jacob Egan; and two great grandchildren, Henry Kinsell and Liam Kinsell. John was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Robert Egan.

Friends may call at the Jackson Funeral Chapel in Rensselaer on Friday, May 10, 2019 from 1:00 – 7:00 pm CST. Funeral Mass will be on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 10:00 am CST at St. Augustine Catholic Church with Fr. Don Davison, C.P.P.S. officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Jasper-Newton Foundation, PO Box 295, Rensselaer, IN 47978 or to St. Augustine School, 318 N McKinley Ave, Rensselaer, IN 47978.

# Events

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**MAY**   **Visitation**                      01:00PM - 07:00PM

**10**  
Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue P.O. Box 70, Rensselaer, IN, US, 47978

**MAY**   **Funeral Mass**                      10:00AM

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St. Augustine Catholic Church  
318 North McKinley Avenue, Rensselaer, IN, US, 47978

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - May 09, 2019 at 11:46 AM

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“ Anne Marie and family, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of John. In the summer and fall of 1963 I was recuperating from a spinal fusion and was bed ridden for three months. After hours, John would come over to my house and play our organ for me for an hour or so every evening. That organ had never been, nor would it ever again, be played so fantastically. John was like an angel helping me through that rough time in my life. At that time we were both Fellows of St. Joseph's College. Anne Marie, my thoughts and prayers are with you as you continue through this difficult period of your life. I would also like to congratulate you on becoming a life member of the Indiana University Alumni Association. Give my best wishes to your wonderful family. Dr. Alva R. Miller

**Dr. Alva R. Miller** - August 27, 2019 at 07:19 PM

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“ Linda G Hughes lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



**Linda G Hughes** - July 10, 2019 at 10:23 PM

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“ I’m so beyond sorry to hear about John, Anne-Marie. It’s been years since I’ve seen you but remember my weekly piano lessons at your house (back in the mid-80’s) like it was yesterday. You were both always so loving and supportive, and to this day, I credit Dr. Egan with being one of, if not THE driving force behind my choice of music as a career. At a time when so much of my music education was being focused on the technical aspects of the instrument... he was the first to teach me the stories behind the music. WHY any given composer wrote what he wrote. He taught me in so many ways that it isn’t enough to play something “correctly.” That there has to be meaning and heart behind it, and I will forever be grateful he not only understood that... but had the unique ability to teach it to others. He was an amazing man and will be missed by so many.

Gavin Mikhail

Gavin Mikhail - May 16, 2019 at 04:11 PM

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“ Louise Wortley lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



Louise Wortley - May 14, 2019 at 10:52 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Dr. Egan's passing. I sang in the St.Joe's Glee Club in my four yrs.there. I enjoyed it so much and John was so down to earth and made my experience at St.Joe's that much better. I still have my Glee Club "paddle" that was given to those who sang the four yrs.of attending the college. May he rest in peace!! Eugene B.Person; Class of 1969.

Eugene B.Person - May 13, 2019 at 10:15 PM

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“ As a member of the teaching staff for the Music and Liturgy Masters Program at St. Joseph's College I had the honor to experience John's great love for music and the Church. He was a faith filled and spiritual person who gave so much to his profession. I always enjoyed the dinner we had with him and his family. God gave John many gifts and he used all of them to bring joy and grace into the lives of many people. My prayers and those of my Community are with the Egan Family. May John now know the joys of eternal life and may he now be playing the piano for the heavenly choirs. God's peace be with all of you, Sister Sharon Marie Stola, OSB

Sister Sharon Marie Stola - May 13, 2019 at 10:32 AM

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“ So sorry about Doc's passing. He was a super guy and will be missed by so many. His legacy of kindness and supportiveness has affected many people and will live on forever. So sorry we couldn't make it to the wake, but your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Larry and Judy Koebcke - May 12, 2019 at 07:29 PM

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“ Doc Egan was a remarkable man and we have always felt blessed to have known him. Our deepest sympathy to the entire Egan Family and all those near and far who came to know him. He was certainly someone who left a lasting impression on us and one we will always remember. Rensselaer is a better place because of him!!!  
Rest in Peace, Doc.  
Jim & Dorrie Lefler



Jim & Dorrie Lefler - May 11, 2019 at 10:11 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy Anne-Marie and family, the dearest family ever. John will live on in the hearts of all of the lives he touched and we are so blessed that our paths crossed on this journey called life. Always supportive and caring with a heart of gold. This world was a better place because of John.

Ken & Rita Layton - May 11, 2019 at 07:20 AM



“ Ken & Rita Layton lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



**Ken & Rita Layton** - May 11, 2019 at 07:12 AM

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“ I met Dr. Egan through the Jasper Foundation and of course the Rensselaer Republican. He was so gracious and kind. Never a cross word about anyone. I can still hear his laugh and can see him carrying his crossword puzzle in the paper and his big smile. I am so sorry for your loss Mo, Anne Cecile and Anne Marie and your family's. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May you take great comfort in the fact that he has gone "home".



**Sally Snow** - May 11, 2019 at 12:28 AM

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“ Egan Family,  
So sorry for your loss. The good "Doc" was one my all time favorite Pumas. His support of all things Puma was extraordinary indeed. I was very fortunate to consider him a friend and a mentor.  
I am truly sorry for your loss, but I am truly grateful for his time spent at Rensselaer.

Kevin Sims '79

**Kevin Slms** - May 10, 2019 at 11:15 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Dr. Egan’s passing. I have such wonderful memories of time spent in their home growing up. He always made you feel welcome. My condolences to you Kate, and your entire family. Barb (Haworth) Hoch

**Barb Hoch** - May 10, 2019 at 09:54 PM

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“ Janice HopkinsMalchow lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



**Janice HopkinsMalchow** - May 10, 2019 at 04:33 PM

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“ Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



**Martha Langley** - May 10, 2019 at 02:36 PM

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“ Expressing Sympathy to the entire Egan family. I was so fortunate to have fallen asleep in Doc's core lecture all those years ago. Through his disappointment, my apologies, hugs, laughter, and more hugs -- a life-long friendship was born. I loved having Doc as a core professor, a huge bball fan, and a great audience -- we had many great meals over the years at Millers Catfish, Dodd's TownHouse, Columbia Club, and more. We have lost one of the finest Pumas and you will all be in our thoughts and prayers.

**Bob & Lisa Sheridan** - May 10, 2019 at 02:31 PM

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“ From Marian Tepper purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



From Marian Tepper - May 10, 2019 at 02:06 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



May 10, 2019 at 01:27 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



May 10, 2019 at 11:06 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



May 10, 2019 at 09:10 AM

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“ Michele Wagner lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



Michele Wagner - May 10, 2019 at 06:39 AM

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“ My deepest sympathies to the entire Egan family for your loss. Wishing you the same strength and compassion your family gave to my family this last September for my mother. May peace reach you quickly after this difficult time.  
Jim Reynolds

Jim Reynolds - May 09, 2019 at 11:51 PM

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“ Thanks to Dr. Egan and everything he gave to the community. He will be missed. Tod and Steph Davisson



Stephanie Davisson - May 09, 2019 at 10:59 PM

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“ Anne And Ed Dumas lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



Anne and Ed Dumas - May 09, 2019 at 09:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



May 09, 2019 at 06:45 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Anne-Marie and family. We remember a singing tour of England in summer of '68 with Alverno's Chorus and St Joe's Glee Club. Doc was our faithful mentor, friend, and enforcer. He did us the honor of attending our wedding and reception in Wisconsin the following year and leading our singers in joyful song. We cannot say enough about how he touched our lives with his gentle care and concern.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Now he is making music up in heaven. May he rest in peace forever.

Tom & Diana Weisenburger

Tom Weisenburger - May 09, 2019 at 05:41 PM

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“ Kimberly Hunter lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



Kimberly Hunter - May 09, 2019 at 11:49 AM

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“ 199 files added to the album LifeTributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - May 09, 2019 at 10:24 AM

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“ I had many contacts with Dr. John, his beautiful wife Anne-Marie, and many of their children, in my roles as a student, law enforcement officer. health department sanitarian, and finally as a budding lawyer. I have always remembered his warm, cheerful, and genuine smile no matter what difficulties we faced in this community. He and his family's commitment and contributions to St. Joseph's College are legendary, and his passing means that Heaven has another bright and beautiful star for us to remember and treasure forever.

Robert Winters - May 09, 2019 at 03:03 AM

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“ I did not have the privilege of knowing Dr. Egan but I have had the privilege of knowing and working with his son for almost 25 years. I have heard many stories of Weldon's love and admiration of his father and the life examples he displayed to his children. They say the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Weldon is one the nicest, most caring, most gifted people in the world. He is a true friend in every sense of the word. If he is just a slice of what his father was it is a true testimony to the greatness and gifts given to him by his father. Our hearts and prayers go out to Dr. Egan's family and after reading the many memories from people that have had their lives touched by Dr. Egan I wish I would have had the honor to have known him. The Finkelmeier's

The Finkelmeiers - May 09, 2019 at 02:39 AM

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“ I had the honor of being one of Dr. Egan’s piano students for 6 years. Starting as a scared little 12 year old, I was greatly intimidated by his booming, big self. Through the years, though, I was overwhelmed by his love, insight, and encouragement. He saw things in me that I could never see in myself, and because of him, I am starting college in the fall to major in music. I selfishly am grieved that he will not be able to see me graduate high school in a month after all the growth he has helped me through, but I truly believe he has no doubt that he has done well with me. To the man who showed me what excellence, grace, and love looks like, from now on, it’s all for you. You are missed and loved. Thank you for everything you’ve done for me. I hope I can make you proud.



Angie T - May 08, 2019 at 08:01 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



May 08, 2019 at 06:03 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



May 08, 2019 at 04:31 PM

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“ Fr. Angelo Anthony lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



Fr. Angelo Anthony - May 08, 2019 at 03:37 PM



“ Dr. Egan was such a bright light, reflecting the Light of Christ in so many wonderful ways! May he share in Christ's peace for all eternity. Fr. Angelo

Fr. Angelo Anthony - May 08, 2019 at 03:40 PM

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“ John made such an impact on countless people of all walks of life. His care and love for each of us was so unique and authentic. . It was an honor to have been his pastor and friend. I always enjoyed having lunch with John and Anne Marie when I would visit Rensselaer over the years. The entire Egan family is in my prayers as you give thanks for the life of this amazing man.

Fr. Andy O'Reilly.

Andy O'Reilly - May 08, 2019 at 02:07 PM

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“ To the Egan Family, most particularly to Maureen "Mo" (later "Dr. Mo-Mo"), deepest sympathy on the loss of a St. Joseph College legend. I was a 13 year member of the Alumni Board of Directors and Chairman of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee during which time I got to know "Mo" who was (and I'M sure still is) as gracious as her father. It is obvious that Dr. and Mrs. Egan passed along so many good traits to their children.

God bless all of you!

Jim Quinn '60

Jim Quinn '60 - May 08, 2019 at 02:06 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to the entire Egan family. John was the dearest of friends, not just to me, but to everyone he knew. He was "Just too wonderful for words." We will miss him greatly.

Bob and Anne Marie Herrold

Robert Herrold - May 08, 2019 at 01:52 PM

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“ With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



May 08, 2019 at 11:57 AM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



May 08, 2019 at 11:50 AM

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“ Dr. John has been a friend of our family from the first day we moved to Rensselaer, June, 1970. Our father Ken and John had a unique connection both through Rotary and St. Joseph, but in truth, all aspects of life. A remarkable life and a remarkable man who made this community better for being part of it. Deepest sympathy, The Ahler Family

John Ahler - May 08, 2019 at 11:50 AM

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“ What an amazing man. His love and talents will influence our family forever. We felt like we were favorites...but I have the feeling he may have made everyone feel that way because when I boast of that, it seems he made everyone feel that way. What love! Thinking of you with love and prayers at this very tender time of loss for your family. He filled his life richly and loved his family deeply.

Jon and Wendy Schwab - May 08, 2019 at 11:44 AM

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“ Smith Donna sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



Smith Donna - May 08, 2019 at 10:50 AM

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“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



May 08, 2019 at 09:58 AM

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“ I was an assistant pastor in the early seventies when Doc reached out and asked me to join his glee club in singing Mahler's 8th with the Cincinnati May Festival Chorus. He sent the music with instructions for pronouncing the German. Two handwritten pages of instructions! [Here's a manual on brain surgery. You'll do fine!] Last month I was listening to Solti's 1971 recording of the same, and sent Doc a postcard thanking him for introducing me to such great music. He graciously responded with a handwritten note. That was our mentor, teaching us by example how to be gracious and generous. Biwi

Bill "Biwi" Stock - May 08, 2019 at 09:43 AM

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“ Kevin Diener lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



Kevin Diener - May 08, 2019 at 05:16 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to the Egan family and especially to AnnMarie. Thank you for sharing Doc with us. May you celebrate a life well lived, rejoice in your memories, and take pride in his legacy that lives on. Jill (Ogger) Sedmak, SJC Class of 1997

Jill Sedmak - May 07, 2019 at 10:42 PM

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“ Very kind & generous man who never knew a stranger.



margo roberts - May 07, 2019 at 10:17 PM

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“ As I am half way across a continent in Connecticut, I will not be able to make the wake and the funeral. John Egan was both a deeply good and a great man who touched my life a great deal during my five years on the St. Joe's faculty. A man of faith, humor, love, and intelligence, John was the heart and soul of St. Joe's when I was there. I consider him a kind of Catholic Midwestern Statesman, a man who looked out for the greater good, practiced his faith with joy, trained thousands of musicians, and raised a beautiful and successful family! Years after I left St. Joe's, I would look with anticipation for his long and detailed letters. It was a blessing to have been able to see him and Ann Marie when I visited St. Joe's with my family in the summer of 2017. I am honored to have known -- and to have been hugged many times and given a collection of Chaucer and Virgil scholarly books, and supported by -- John Egan these many years. I send the Egan clan my prayers and sympathies. John has left a long-lasting legacy and lived a deeply meaningful life. May he rest in the arms of God.

**Bill Mottolese** - May 07, 2019 at 08:54 PM

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“ I can hear his laugh, I can feel his hug, I can see his fingers moving over those keys making music with Ann Marie! There is no other with such a generous heart, outreaching and bringing hope to those without hope, joy to those hurting, bringing bread to those hungering not only for food, but for comfort, for love. I love you, John...Pray for us "buddying up" there with your dear friend, God!! Love to you, Ann Marie, and to each Egan, most of which I had the privilege of teaching - Love ...Peace. Sister Donna

**Sister Donna Liette** - May 07, 2019 at 07:53 PM

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“ I shall always have fond memories of John. He was a wonderful, compassionate and kind man. As a priest, I had the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist in his and Anne Marie's home. I shall always remember him. My sincere sympathy to Anne Marie and the entire family.

Al O'Dell

**Al O'Dell** - May 07, 2019 at 07:19 PM

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“ Always loved hearing John’s laughter when attending a play at SJC, talking with him whenever our paths crossed, and receiving his hand written notes. My prayers to the family. The community sadly lost a great man.



**Regina Warfel** - May 07, 2019 at 06:34 PM

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“ Don And Gloria Waymouth lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



**Don and Gloria Waymouth** - May 07, 2019 at 06:08 PM

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“ When you received his summer Christmas letter, you felt like family. When he approached with his arms open, it looked like he had room for everyone, but especially you. I know what compassion looks like because of him.

**Joe Hanish** - May 07, 2019 at 05:32 PM

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“ Janice and I remember Doc Egan with special fondness. I think back to first time he directed SJC glee club - we were “wary” with newcomer who replaced Fr. Heiman, seemed slightly older than we all - turned out he was inspirational. And when he led us in song - “Ichabod Crane” came to mind - enthusiastic, upbeat, demonstrative, supportive. Also had part in Janice (Alverno music) and my courtship. Finally, who didn’t look forward to Doc’s annual Christmas letter, arriving in June or July. Our condolences to Dr. Anne Marie and the Egan family; our deepest sympathy for OUR loss. He will be missed! Eberhard “Gabe” Gabriel ‘63

**Gabe Gabriel** - May 07, 2019 at 04:47 PM



“ Prayers to the family. Dr. Egan was one of my favorite teachers. I could never just call him John as I had so much respect for who he was and what he did. May God bless him with peace. The angel choir just got another voice. Fr. Mark Hoying "Class of 80"

**Mark Hoying** - May 07, 2019 at 04:43 PM

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“ Dr Egan came to St Joes at the beginning of my Junior year. I first him as the new Glee club director. We quickly became friends although he was my mentor. My wife Mary and I will always remember his yearly letters and our chats when we went to reunions at St Joes. We will miss him and his loving, jovial self. God bless John Egan and his family, we will so miss him. Our love to his family, Dr Don Hoffman and his wife Mary. Class of 63.

**Don Michael Hoffman** - May 07, 2019 at 04:39 PM

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“ Known him many years as a Professor at St. Joe. He always had a smile an a kind word to say. He will be MISSED.  
Mike Vallone

**Mike** - May 07, 2019 at 03:19 PM

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“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



May 07, 2019 at 03:03 PM

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“ Playing one of my many renditions of "Carmina Burana" in memory of Doc Egan right now. Thanks Doc for helping make our time at SJC so meaningful and memorable!  
Dan Rogers ('70)

Dan Rogers - May 07, 2019 at 02:49 PM

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“ Cheryl DeLucenay Walker lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



Cheryl DeLucenay Walker - May 07, 2019 at 02:26 PM

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“ The greatest memory I have of your father is his laughter, his beautiful singing voice, and his devoted service to the Catholic church. Shannon Engelken and family



Shannon Engelken - May 07, 2019 at 02:20 PM

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“ Denny, who played football at St Joe's, and I have memories of Dr John Egan from St Rose in Lima, Ohio as well as St Joe's. What a warm, gentle, talented man! We send our sympathy and prayers of comfort to the Egan family.  
Denny & Joyce Houlihan 63'

Joyce G Houlihan - May 07, 2019 at 02:15 PM

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“ Dr John remains a strong influence on so many that he mentored and counseled A dear friend to us all, his greatest impact for me was through Rotary. As a Past District Governor, the theme of his year was “Look Beyond Yourself “and it perfectly defined him.

I am deeply saddened by our loss and am very sorry that Kathy and I will not be there as we will be gone to the Rotary District Conference where his life will be celebrated .I know that Dr John and Anne-Marie, both Rotarians, would and will understand. We send our love. I will miss our conversations...

Dan Ryan - May 07, 2019 at 01:57 PM

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“ Tim & Linda Shide lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



Tim & Linda Shide - May 07, 2019 at 12:30 PM

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“ Our condolences and deepest sympathies to Ann-Marie and family. John Egan, a true Rotarian, supported Rotary District 6540 in many ways. I got to know John Egan while working with him on the Rotary Ambassadorial scholarship committee for many years. John's insight was invaluable in selecting future leaders of the world! Rotary is very proud of John's service and we all will miss him. Thank you, John, you made a difference!

Ranjan Kini - May 07, 2019 at 11:54 AM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



May 07, 2019 at 11:47 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



May 07, 2019 at 11:43 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



May 07, 2019 at 11:00 AM

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“ Doc Egan was one of my favorite professors at St. Joe - I took his Core both times - as well as being my choir director for four years. He will be missed. Love to the family. - Jamie (Martens) Schumaker, '96.

**Jamie Schumaker** - May 07, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ I was in the Glee Club when Dr John Egan came to St Joes in 1960-61. He was only five years older than many of us. We immediately liked him and respected him. He quickly became a close friend forever. My love to his wonderful, extremely talented family. I will miss him. Dr Don Hoffman '63 and his wife Mary Ann

**Don Michael Hoffman** - May 07, 2019 at 11:30 AM

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“ Doc was a unique guy. He, as much as anyone, exemplified everything what was good about St. Joe. I never had him in a class, but I learned as much from him as any professor I had. I will never forget his laugh and the time he took with everyone. He will be missed, but never forgotten rest in peace, my friend.  
Doug Monforton '71

**Doug Monforton** - May 07, 2019 at 10:15 AM



“ Joe Rosengarten purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



**Joe Rosengarten** - May 07, 2019 at 10:09 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Ann-Marie and the family. Dr. Egan was a beloved music teacher for me. So patient and above all, encouraging. We will have Mass offered for the repose of his soul, here in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Waterville, Maine. May he rest in peace, and may his loving, encouraging spirit live on with us. Sr. Kathryn Kelm, SSS

**Kathryn Kelm** - May 07, 2019 at 09:41 AM

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“ So Sorry to hear about the passing of Doctor Egan. Susan Emerson Malatt - CClass of 1978 with a Music minor.

**Susan malatt** - May 07, 2019 at 08:56 AM

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“ My deepest sympathies to the Egan family. John was a wonderful man I called my friend.

**Nancy Rickert** - May 07, 2019 at 08:33 AM

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“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



May 07, 2019 at 08:31 AM

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“ It seems as though my whole childhood is filled of memories of Dr. Egan, the Egan family, St. Augustine's and St. Joseph's College. Dr. Egan is simply one of those people who looms large within a community.

To all of you Egans, and especially Anne, know that you have my sympathy at this time.



**Nancy Reichert** - May 07, 2019 at 08:06 AM

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“ Dr. John was an amazing man with such a big heart for anyone he met. He always had his arms open for a big hug. He was a great friend and had such a big heart. The kindest most gentle man. He will be greatly missed by anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. We are so sorry for your loss. May God wrap his loving arms around each of you and give you comfort during this time. Larry and Garnet Huhn



**Larry and Garnet Huhn** - May 07, 2019 at 07:53 AM

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“ Mary Jo Casey lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



**Mary Jo Casey** - May 07, 2019 at 07:53 AM

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“ Glenda Nagel lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



**Glenda Nagel** - May 07, 2019 at 07:38 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



May 07, 2019 at 05:14 AM

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“ John was a soul so much larger than life or death. Always ready with a hug, a smile and booming words of support; a great teacher, a friend and baker of great bread ;-). And thank you for playing everything we asked for at Mom's funeral, even when you probably didn't feel well. I will miss you ole friend. Rest easy.

Love and condolences to all the Egans- Ann Marie, Weldon, Ann Cecil, Steve, Katie Shaun, Mo and Brian.

Lisa Davis

Lisa Davis - May 07, 2019 at 01:31 AM



“ That is, Dr. Anne-Marie, Anne Cecil and Sean.

**lisa davis** - May 07, 2019 at 09:48 AM



“ Jeff Attar lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



Jeff Attar - May 07, 2019 at 12:57 AM



“ Blessings to all the Egan family as you celebrate John's life. What a wonderful trove of happy memories I have of teaching voice lessons in summer in the mid 70's for the music and worship certificate program participants who came from all over the US and Canada to learn how to better lead music/worship in their ministries. Organist John Bicknell and I continue today to share memories. The 1976 trip to Philadelphia with the summer choir to sing "Panis Angelicus" at the International Eucharistic Congress, standing on that enormous Nationals stadium, will always be a memory. And Dr. John has never lost touch through his wonderful letters each year. We will be praying for you in these coming days, that the peace of Christ will be very near to you as you grieve and also celebrate John's remarkable life. Jerry and Carolyn Y. Staley and family

carolyn staley - May 07, 2019 at 12:22 AM



“ Doc sang at my wedding many years ago and when we met again several years ago at Murphy's Irish Bar in Alexandria, VA, he remembered singing the Ave Maria. It had been in 1971. We met several times after that reunion and he still called us by name. Forever friends. Mike and Jan Williams

Jan Williams - May 06, 2019 at 11:20 PM

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“ Jill Wilson lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



Jill Wilson - May 06, 2019 at 11:05 PM

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“ What a wonderful friend you were to our family, and especially our mother, over many years. Mom was your willing student and so loved and looked forward to your joint concerts in the St. Joe Chapel. You and Ann Marie planned them so beautifully. Rensselaer and all of us will have a "hole" in our hearts for the loss of your music and your generous, thoughtful spirit. Rest in peace, John.

Catherine (Davis) Tymkow

Catherine - May 06, 2019 at 10:38 PM

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“ As so many have said and I repeat- Doc Egan was a true pillar of SJC. We were all blessed to have known and been inspired by him. Our condolences to the entire Egan family.

Jim & Drina Madden

Jim Madden - May 06, 2019 at 10:05 PM

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“ Homer And Theresa Lakin lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



Homer and Theresa Lakin - May 06, 2019 at 09:45 PM

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“ I remember being impressed with Doc Egan’s passion for teaching and learning. He was clearly a seasoned, master professor, but it was even more clear that he was a life-long learner. He never stopped making connections. One of my clearest memories was him teaching about Gregorian chant. For us non- music majors, he very flawlessly connected it to Janis Joplin’s “Mercedes Benz.” His pedagogy was brilliant, making him, undeniably, a pillar of the Core curriculum at SJC! My sincere condolences to his family and community.

Holly Thatcher - May 06, 2019 at 09:38 PM

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“ Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



Judy Burvan - May 06, 2019 at 09:30 PM



“ I can’t imagine Rensselaer without him...

Judy Burvan - May 06, 2019 at 09:33 PM

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“ Theory 101, Fall 1973  
"Show me a straight A student!!"  
"Not in THIS class you won't!"

Despite never finding (or being) that "straight A" student, Doc guided me throughout my 4 years @ SJC & aided me in becoming the successful person I am today. That booming voice, the never-ending smile, his catch phrase, "Well I NEVER!". The number of times it was repeated told you how deep you were in. 40+ years later, they're all still fresh in my mind. Sleep well Doc!

Janice and I offer our sincere condolences to Anne-Marie, the Egan family, and the extended Egan family: friends, acquaintances, students.

Greg & Janice Wilkins  
'77

Greg Wilkins - May 06, 2019 at 08:58 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



May 06, 2019 at 08:49 PM

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“ I sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn. Dr. Egan was such a vibrant personality,inspiring the Puma community with his music and knowledge. God Bless Dr. John Egan and his family in this difficult time.

Peter Szewzek - May 06, 2019 at 08:49 PM

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“ Doc welcomed me, a pre-med student, into the music department as a music major when I decided being a people plumber just wasn't in my future. He went out of his way to help me catch up and become successful. I'll never forget saying "I'd rather do a hand stand on this chair than take today's music theory test". Doc just smiled and said, "OK how long can you do it". Still had to take the test a few days later but the extra time to study was what I needed.

You are leaving a very large hole in this world Doc. You changed, improved, and blessed those around you with love and kindness.

Thanks for sharing Doc with us Ann Marie. Sally and I can only imagine your sense of loss. Please hug your kids and grand kids for us.

Bob and Sally Lehmenkuler  
'76 and '77



**Bob Lehmenkuler** - May 06, 2019 at 08:40 PM

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“ Memories of so many concerts, practices, CORE X, his laughter, him typing oh so fast on his big old manual typewriter. I'm glad to have a copy of "Twin Towers" CD. Ann Marie, Ann Cecile, words cannot express my sadness for you and the rest of the family. I always hoped one of my boys would find their way to St Joe, but I did get two of them to visit when my oldest did his college tour. During that visit Doc invited us to lunch with him. Every memory about Doc is a good memory. God speed Doc. --  
Nancy (Zufelt)

**Nancy Lamothe** - May 06, 2019 at 08:33 PM

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“ Kelly (Costello) Billock lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



Kelly (Costello) Billock - May 06, 2019 at 08:26 PM

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“ Linda And Glen Wood lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



Linda and Glen Wood - May 06, 2019 at 08:23 PM

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“ What a great man.....truly one of a kind! His booming voice and ready smile will be greatly missed by every person whose life he touched. He taught me piano and to this day, each and every time I sit down to play, I can hear him in my mind, as if he were sitting next to me. I will be forever grateful for his guidance and his friendship. My deepest sympathies to all the Egan's. RIP Dr. Egan

Heidi Amsler Phillips - May 06, 2019 at 08:22 PM

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“ Ray Billock lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



Ray Billock - May 06, 2019 at 08:16 PM



“ Heidi & Bob Phillips lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



Heidi & Bob Phillips - May 06, 2019 at 08:15 PM

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“ Kelly and I were so saddened to hear of Doc Egan's passing. Our deepest condolences to Ann Marie and the family. Doc was such a huge part of our time at St. Joe. We'll always remember the time spent with Doc Egan in the Music Department. Memories of rehearsing for my Sr. Recital with Doc at my side (providing guidance on my Italian pronunciation when needed--which was most of the time). From gatherings at the home while students, and afterwards stopping to visit when traveling through Rensselaer, his booming voice and hearty laugh was part of every interaction. We loved you Doc--thank you for everything you did. You'll be sorely missed.

Ray ('77) and Kelly Costello (78') Billock

Ray Billock - May 06, 2019 at 08:14 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about Doc Egan's passing. He was such an integral part of my experience at SJC, as was his wife. So many good memories of that time in my life. He will definitely be missed by so many. Condolences to Anne Marie, and the entire extended Egan family. Love, Janette Hoover Johnson

Janette JOHNSON - May 06, 2019 at 07:34 PM

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“ What a wonderful soul! I am so grateful to have been a part of the music program at SJC. I learned to have confidence in myself because his expectations of me pushed me to be my best. Much love to Anne Marie and the Egan family. Carrie (Groen) Hartley '97

Carrie Hartley (Groen) - May 06, 2019 at 07:30 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



May 06, 2019 at 07:29 PM

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“ Thank you, Doc, for being a friendly ear when I needed one. I will never forget you. Ann Marie, Barb and I express our deepest sympathies and our prayers to you and your family.

Barb & Bill Schilling

William Schilling '67 - May 06, 2019 at 07:14 PM

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“ Sympathy and prayers to Doc Egan's family. He always knew what to say to someone in any situation. He built you up when you needed it, and knocked you down a peg when that was needed. One of my most vivid memories is walking across campus with him discussing events. I said, for some long forgotten reason, "I'm the most misunderstood man on campus." He retorted immediately, "Corea, you flatter yourself."

Dr. Richard Corea - May 06, 2019 at 07:13 PM

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“ Heaven just got a great one! Forever grateful for all the cards and donations made in the name of every one of our family members whenever they had a birthday or special event. Loved listening to Doc's music and loved when he had mass. Peace Doc! You made our lives much more fulfilled because you were a part of it. Love, The Massoels Family

The Massoels Family - May 06, 2019 at 07:01 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



May 06, 2019 at 06:59 PM

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“ November 1971, my roommate and closest friend, Jerry Lyk , was killed by a drunk driver. I was numb, in silent shock and grief. Doc Egan came to my room with a loaf of bread he baked. He hugged me with such love and compassion I actually began to feel life in my body again. I will never forget him. Healing began with Doc Egan's gift of loving presence. Mike Petrovich

**Mike Petrovich** - May 06, 2019 at 06:29 PM



“ Hello Mike Petrovich. I remember Jerry Lyk fondly. He looked after me as if I was his kid brother in my time at SJC. I was Bill Timmins roomie.  
I Remember you as well.

**Peter Szewzek** - May 06, 2019 at 08:46 PM

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“ John Egan,,,,,sui generis!

To Anne-Marie and the Egan family...all our love.

Dennis & Priscilla Lavery

**Dennis Lavery** - May 06, 2019 at 06:15 PM

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“ I was a non-traditional student who walked into the Music Department and received enthusiastic greeting. Doc adapted my courses to fit my W.Lafayette to Rensselaer commuting schedule. When I returned for Homecoming a number of years later and I walked down the hall and spoke to Anne-Marie I heard from around the corner, "I know that voice" it was Doc. I had been gone 15 years. If not for Doc and other musicians I would not still be playing today.

Cynthia "Cindi" Clingner BA Music 75

**Cynthia Clingner** - May 06, 2019 at 06:04 PM



“ I was saddened to hear the news about Doc Egan. A pillar of the SJC and Rensselaer community is now gone. Prayers to the family.  
Tracie Barton-Barrett, SJC, '95

**Tracie Barton-Barrett** - May 06, 2019 at 06:02 PM

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“ Egan family,  
So sorry to hear of John's passing. He was such a sweet and talented man. Praying for all of you.  
Helen (Deno) Best

**Helen Best** - May 06, 2019 at 06:00 PM

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“ Thoughts and Prayers goes out to the family.  
Sincerely,  
Jeff Hesson

**Jeff Hesson** - May 06, 2019 at 05:39 PM

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“ I am so very saddened by Dr. Egan's passing. He and my mom were such good friends. There are not enough words that can express what a wonderful person he was. My deepest condolences. Rest in peace forever, John. What a loss.

**Teresa Snyder Rishel** - May 06, 2019 at 05:23 PM

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“ There are no words sufficient enough to express what Dr. Egan (and his family) have met to this community. He truly was a servant of God. May His peace comfort you now and in the days ahead.

**Sandra Todd** - May 06, 2019 at 05:05 PM

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“ Michele Madley, Gibault Boards, Staff and Children purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Dr. John B. Egan.



Michele Madley, Gibault Boards, Staff and Children - May 06, 2019 at 04:47 PM

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“ Deepest to the Family of DR. Egan he will be missed from Paul and Rosie Bilyeu



paul bilyeu - May 06, 2019 at 03:14 PM

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“ That photo is the face he would make when he spotted someone he cared for, prelude to giving warm greetings and a deep chuckle. A wonderful way to hold him close.

Heidi Rahe - May 06, 2019 at 02:41 PM

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“ I will surely miss him. I remember the time I dressed up as him for Halloween one year and he came up to me after halftime and said, hi dr. Egan. He was my favorite teacher and my best friend.

Joshua Rice - May 06, 2019 at 02:39 PM

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“ Jerry Miller lit a candle in memory of Dr. John B. Egan



**Jerry miller** - May 06, 2019 at 02:28 PM