




## John J Keegan

August 16, 1937 - April 24, 2019

John Joseph Keegan, 81, of Albany, NY, passed away on April 24, 2019 surrounded by his loving family.<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup> Born in Albany on August 16, 1937, he was the son of the late John and Marjorie Keegan. He graduated from CBA in 1955 and entered Mater Christi Seminary, St. Bonaventure Seminary and was ordained in 1963. He received a Master Degree in Educational Administration from Siena College and then served in the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese as Assistant Superintendent of Schools. In 1967, John joined the St. James Society to serve among the poor in Peru as a missionary for 5 years. His proudest accomplishment in Peru was building homes for the poor.<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup> In 1973, John began a career with NYS government in various agencies working as Director of Education and Training. He continued his education and received Master's degrees from Russell Sage and St. Rose College. After retirement from NYS government, John served 5 happy years as a chaplain for Community Hospice.<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup> He is survived by his beloved wife, Colleen, of 42 years; his cherished son, John (Marisa); his adored grandsons Jack and Liam; sister Althea; brothers-in-law, Fr. Patrick Butler and John Butler (Lynn); sister-in-law Kathleen Keegan; cousin Margaret Murphy and many nieces and nephews.<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup> Predeceased by his brothers Edward and Francis (Margaret); and sister-in-law, Sharon Butler.<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup> John's smile and laugh would light up a room while his spirit, optimism and faith were contagious. These qualities gifted him to make many life-long friends. The joys of his life included time spent with family, his grandchildren, golfing, reading, watching Notre Dame and Virginia

Tech, gardening and painting his gnomes.  Calling hours at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 569 Clifton Park Center Road on Sunday, April 28th from 3pm-6pm. Funeral Mass at St. Edward the Confessor Church on Monday, April 29th at 10:30am followed by burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery Troy, NY. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial donation to St. Edward the Confessor Church.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathy to Colleen and family. I've known John since we attended kindergarten at St. Teresa's School in Albany. I have fond memories of John and I attending CBA, Albany Senator baseball games at Hawkins Stadium and many other events. John was a good friend. May his soul rest in peace. Ed Smith*

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