



F. Owen Eagan

March 2, 2021

Francis Owen Eagan's greatest legacy will always be his love of family, his devotion to God and his passion for the law. He was called home by the Lord on March 2, 2021 surrounded by his family. With a warm smile and bright blue eyes, Owen was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, father-in-law, brother-in-law and friend. Owen was born on October 2, 1930 in Windsor, Connecticut, the son of Francis Joseph and Mazie Eagan, where he fondly remembered his years living and working with his family in the Windsor Hotel. A strong proponent of Jesuit education, he attended the Cranwell Preparatory School, Georgetown University, and the Georgetown University Law Center. His Georgetown class ring and his "Hoyas" hat were longtime fixtures of his wardrobe. On December 13, 1952 he married Joan (Mullaney) Eagan, his high school sweetheart. Owen leaves his children Mary Ann Eagan, Michael and GERALYN Eagan, Owen and Judy Eagan and Margie and Richard Waal. He was a devoted grandfather to Mike and Elizabeth, Kerry and Derrick, Kevin, Caley and Charlie, Maura and Nick, Owen, Aidan and Saige and great grandfather to Tyler, Conor, Shea, William and Tate. Owen leaves his two sisters Mary Eagan and Margie Tracey, his brother-in-law Sam Johnson and numerous nieces and nephews, his close family friend and longtime executive assistant, Sally Pascus and his faithful dog, Riley. "Gomp" as he was known to his grandchildren, attended all events; he could be seen clapping at dance recitals and cheering at football, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball games, tennis matches and

track meets. A captain in the U.S. Air Force, Owen proudly served during the Korean War before attending law school. He had a true love of the law and served as a U.S. Magistrate Judge and was a quiet voice of reason for more than two decades from 1975 to 1996. Prior to serving on the federal bench, he served as a senior partner at Eagan, Jackson, O'Keefe & Murray, as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut and as an U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut. He also taught trial advocacy at Western New England School of Law. Following his retirement, Owen founded the Canterbury Resolution Center, a mediation firm and served as a judge on the Mohegan Tribe Gaming Disputes Court until the age of 85. Owen and his wife Joan were one of the founding couples of The Church of St. Timothy. Owen was predeceased by his wife, Joan, his sister-in-law, Elizabeth Mullaney Johnson, his brother-in-law, Jack Tracey, and his nephew, Russ Jacobson. Owen's family would like to thank Eileen Clarke, a true angel, for her care, kindness and compassion during the final years of his life. His family would also like to thank the compassionate staff at Seniors Helping Seniors, Companions for Living, Companions & Homemakers, The staff at the McAuley and McLean Hospice care. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at The Church of St. Timothy, 1116 North Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06117. Please note Covid 19 mask and capacity restrictions will be in place. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. The service will be streamed at <https://youtu.be/-AUcrtyOnzI> In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Church of St. Timothy.

Cemetery Details

Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery

1 Cottage Grove Rd
Bloomfield, CT

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy
1116 North Main St
West Hartford, CT 06117
(860) 233-5131

Tribute Wall



“ *Molloy Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of F. Owen Eagan*



Molloy Funeral Home - March 05, 2021 at 01:34 PM

ML

“ *Dear Mike and Family,*

I just learned about the passing of your father. I am very sorry for your loss. He was a very accomplished person and I am sure that he is proud of all of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest condolences.



Mark Lewis - March 28, 2021 at 08:59 PM

 Marie
Wiley

“ To all the Eagan's,

I was soooo sorry to hear about your Dads passing. What an icon in my eyes. Your family is just great and we, the Tyler's treasure our long standing friendships. Your Dad was a wonderful gentleman & now he joins your Mom (RIP) up in heaven.

When your last standing parent passes...I remember thinking...OMG...we're orphans now. Now more Mom & Dad...just us...Well...I've decided all of our long time friends will now be our new version of family to share memories and treasures of the past. So know this: we, the Tyler's are here for you. xxMarie

Marie Wiley - March 23, 2021 at 12:33 PM

LK

“ *To the Eagan Family,*

Our sympathy and condolences to you all. What a special man and a truly beautiful family.

I was fortunate enough to sign up for a Criminal Law course which he taught at Tunxis Community College in the late 1970's. He somehow saw potential in me that I did not see in myself, and he invited me to work with him in the Federal Court in Hartford as his deputy clerk. He and Sally took the time and energy to mentor me in everything I needed to be successful in my job and in my personal life. Although I never went on to law school, which was of course, his master plan, I do believe that my life would never have taken the beautiful, bountiful road that it did without his quiet, thoughtful, steady guidance.

The Eagan family has been so blessed to have such a wonderful man in their midst for so many years. He surely has a special place in heaven and will be deeply missed by many.

*Our deepest sympathy,
Linda Kaine and Ed Martucci*

Linda Kaine - March 11, 2021 at 11:39 AM

PH

“ *As a newly married couple we arrived from N.J. to West Hartford 67 years ago and were warmly welcomed by Owen and Joan. This would have been a rather lonely place without their friendship. Our four children along with their four played and grew together into adulthood mirroring the many virtues of both Owen and Joan .
Prayerfully, Paul and Peggy Haas*

Paul Haas - March 10, 2021 at 09:20 AM

DL

When I applied for a position with the Office of the United States Attorney, Owen went to bat for me and helped me get a job. This was a turning point for me. As a federal prosecutor in Hartford. I appeared before him frequently. He was a judge's judge. He was professional, courteous and kind. He spoke in a calm, reassuring voice and was always courteous and respectful to everyone in his court. Whenever I was in his presence, I always knew I was in the presence of a rare and gentle spirit. He served as the model for a cover drawing by Norman Rockwell- dignified and calm. He brought his kind and beautiful spirit to everyone in his presence. Owen was a rare human being. I feel truly blessed to have had the honor to know him. — Doug Lavine

Diug Lavine - March 11, 2021 at 08:46 PM

TH

“ *As we watched the funeral we were reminded of not only a life well lived by a great man but a great generation. We can only hope we can follow it their footsteps.*

Sorry during this pandemic time we could not be with you in person but we are in spirit.

You ALL are in our thoughts and prayers!

God Bless.

Be Safe, Be Well,

Tom, Shevon, Garrett and Heather Hickey

Tom Hickey - March 10, 2021 at 07:28 AM

P(

“ *We were Blessed to have Uncle Owen in our lives. The goodness and wisdom we shall always remember and keep in our hearts. He made our family what it is today. He brought all that came in contact with him how a person should live and how to treat others. All were blessed to have known or dealt with him. It is a wonderful feeling to still have Owen looking over us all. Pj and The Fitzgerald Family*

Patrick J. Fitzgerald (PJ) - March 09, 2021 at 11:54 AM

VO

“ To you all! I was very sorry to hear of your Dad’s death! I was always happy to be in his company! A wonderful, kind friend! I just watched his Funeral on my iPad here in Florida! It was a beautiful ceremony and lovely tributes to your Dad! RIP Owen! Sincerely, Ginny O’Brien

Virginia O’Brien - March 09, 2021 at 11:22 AM

EG

“ I was so sorry to learn of Judge Eagan’s passing from Father Cody and Pat Dayner. I was very fortunate to have served many years ago as his second law student clerk. He taught me so much about law, but what I remember most about him was his great kindness and compassion. We have indeed lost a truly good man. My condolences to Owen and the Eagan family and also to Sally.

Elizabeth Gallagher - March 09, 2021 at 09:50 AM

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“ Patrick J. Fitzgerald (PJ) lit a candle in memory of F. Owen Eagan



Patrick J. Fitzgerald (PJ) - March 09, 2021 at 09:36 AM

PH

“ *To the Whole Eagan Family,
Our deepest condolences for your loss. Mr. Eagan was such a warm heart. I often recall conversations we had on the phone where he would always ask about me and my family with a genuine interest. A testament to a true family man and a model to us all. He is with the Lord now and will share in the love and peace of our Lord forever. Be well and peace to all of you.*

Peter & Vicki Haas

Peter Haas - March 09, 2021 at 09:13 AM

TM

“ *Mary Ann, Michael, Owen, & Margie:
I was so sorry to learn of your father's passing. Over the years, I enjoyed my brief encounters with he and your mother, and will always remember that immediate smile on his face, when he saw me. I've been fortunate to have remained in contact with Owen (Judy), and Michael, and have always felt like I was a very small part of the Eagan family.
I'll always remember the nice time we had, when we went up to see Ned Guillette play (at BC), coaching Owen and Frank Pulito, and (of course) teaching Owen how not to run on his heels!
God Bless all of the Eagans, and thank you for letting me share in so many fond memories of your great family!*

Tom McGuire!

Tom McGuire - March 08, 2021 at 03:08 PM

JL

“ On behalf of the Northwest Catholic High School community, I offer my deepest sympathy on the passing of Judge F. Owen Eagan. Judge Eagan, along with his children and grandchildren, is a valued member of the Northwest Catholic community, so we mourn his loss along with all who love him. Please know that Judge Eagan and his entire family will be remembered in a special way at our next school-wide Mass. We are very sorry for your loss. ~ Jane Leary, Director of Constituent Relations, Northwest Catholic High School.

Jane L. Leary - March 08, 2021 at 12:48 PM

JM

“ As a law student intern and, later, as a new lawyer, I had the privilege of participating in countless hearings and status conferences in Magistrate Eagan’s courtroom as he deftly handled the complex, multi-year class action litigation captioned *CARC vs. Thorne*. That was truly a landmark case, resulting in the closure of Mansfield Training School and ushering in major reforms in the way Connecticut responds to its citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities. But, it was not easy going: the battles over adoption and implementation of the Consent Decree which formally settled the case were emotionally wrenching, replete with passionate testimony from family members, frontline workers, internationally recognized experts and people who, themselves, were receiving services through the State system. Counsel tables were crowded with well-known litigators from across the country – lawyers who represented seemingly irreconcilable interests and who made dramatic arguments and sharply questioned each other’s witnesses. Inevitably, Judge Eagan’s questions from the bench were the most astute. His calm, confident, deliberative demeanor, and the genuine respect he projected for all who appeared before him had as much to do with the successful resolution of the disputes that arose during the course of that litigation as did the legal merits of the various claims that were raised. He recognized what was at stake, and helped all involved to do the same. It was law at its best. When I think of the qualities that make for a good judge – a great judge – I think of F. Owen Eagan.

Jim McGaughey

James D. McGaughey - March 08, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of F. Owen Eagan.*



March 08, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ *Dear Eagan Family,*

Please accept my condolences on your loss. Like so many lawyers, I knew Judge Eagan first and foremost from the courtroom, and later as a mediator. I saw him work initially when I had the good fortune, like him, to serve as an AUSA. Later, I had cases before him as a private practitioner mediating for clients. It was always a pleasure to appear before Judge Eagan, no matter the unpleasantness of the case at hand. He was a true gentleman, always kind to both the citizens caught up in the system as well as the lawyers. He was fair and wise and a gift to the people of this State. Thanks to all of you for sharing him with us.

Tom Murphy

Thomas J Murphy - March 08, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of F. Owen Eagan.*



March 08, 2021 at 09:21 AM

PS

“ Owen and Mary Ann,

Mark and I send our condolences to you and your family on the death of your father. We both remember him well as a smiling customer at the station. I also remember him as a great Professor at WNEC.

We are thinking of you at this sad time.

Mark and Paula Sadlon

Paula Sadlon - March 07, 2021 at 01:35 PM

KS

“ Carolyn and I offer our condolences at this time of loss. A long life very well lived with dedication to public service, justice and family. Judge Eagan will be missed by so many.

Kevin B Sullivan - March 07, 2021 at 01:14 PM

SM

“ Dear Mary Ann and Family,
We were sorry to learn of your Father's passing. He sounds like a very special person. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Wishing you comfort and peace,
Fondly, Susan McGrath and Family

Susan M McGrath - March 07, 2021 at 10:12 AM

JF

“ So sorry for your loss. I enjoyed getting to know your Dad when he would visit Joan at Duncaster. I miss him at his spot at church.
Hugs, Jenny Frombach

Jenny Elizabeth Frombach - March 06, 2021 at 05:50 PM

KD

“ GERALYN and MIKE, so sorry about the passing of your father and father-in-law. I am sure your kids will miss him and grandchildren too . Miss seeing you on Cumberland rd and at church and I wanted to thank you, MIKE for taking my son BRIAN to NWCH for hockey practice . Take care keep healthy and safe Kathy Deconti

kathy deconti - March 06, 2021 at 11:16 AM

AR

My condolences to the Eagan Clan. I was very sad to hear of Owens passing. He was a joy to sell Lincoln's to. You were blessed with years to enjoy his love and humor. May your fond memories carry you through this difficult time. Alicia Riley

alicia riley - March 07, 2021 at 07:09 AM

BH

Owen was a true gentleman, who served honorably, proving that it was not necessary to yell to be heard. I truly enjoyed seeing him, as magistrate and mediator, he made the practice of law a pleasure.

Bart Halloran

Bart Halloran - March 07, 2021 at 10:26 AM

BC

My sincere sympathies to The Owens family - with whom I carry many happy memories brought on by Joan's Tapping Days.
..Prayers being sent to each of you.

Bette Cushman - March 07, 2021 at 12:05 PM

BI

My sincerest sympathies to the Eagan family. Judge Eagan truly left this world a better place! May wonderful memories sustain you in the days ahead.

Barbara Iorillo - March 08, 2021 at 02:45 PM

SM

Owen Eagan was one of the finest persons I ever met. A mentor to many, including myself, he influenced the lives of countless young attorneys. His unfailing kindness and civility epitomized the very best of the practice of law. My condolences to the entire Eagan family.

Scott Murphy

Scott Murphy - March 09, 2021 at 08:13 AM

CJ

Magistrate Eagan was one of the kindest people I have ever had the privilege to know. I was his courtroom deputy in the mid-1980's and experienced first-hand his wisdom. He would playfully banter with me about Georgetown and American University, where I went to college in Washington, D.C. He encouraged me to move forward in life. My condolences to his family. Cathy Blaisdell Johnson

Cathy Blaisdell Johnson - March 09, 2021 at 11:13 AM

BL

Owen and the rest of the Eagan family, Your father was one of the nicest people I have ever met. We did not know each other that well, but whenever we met, he made me feel like we were old friends.
Bob Lavery

Bob Lavery - March 14, 2021 at 01:02 PM