



John F. Beegan

July 22, 2014

John F. Beegan, died on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at home in West Hartford. Born in Hartford, he was the son of the late James and Mary Fallon Beegan. James had resided in West Hartford for most of his life. He graduated from Hall High School in West Hartford. Mr. Beegan was employed by the Hartford Courant before retiring in 1995. Mr. Beegan is survived by a sister in law Sharon Beegan of Meriden, and his nieces and nephews. John was predeceased by a sister, Marie Beegan Johnson; and two brothers, William Beegan and James Beegan. Friends and relatives are invited to attend a graveside service Monday, July 28, 2014 at 10:30 a.m., in Fairview Cemetery, 200 Whitman Ave. West Hartford (section 6). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors Foundation, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675. Molloy Funeral Home, West Hartford has care of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 28. 10:30 AM (ET)

Fairview Cemetery
200 Whitman Ave
West Hartford, CT 06107
(860) 521-5270

Tribute Wall

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“ To the Beegan Family and Friends:

John Beegan was always chief librarian at the Courant during my years there from 1970 to 1984 to the best of my recollection.

I got to know him in the early 1970s when I was night police reporter and would work late into the evening with a staff that dwindled as most reporters went home. John was often present even at that hour. I don't know precisely what he was doing while some of us were out chasing the stories, but I can't recall anything ever missing from the clips that he and his staff meticulously indexed and saved. In those days before the Internet and other electronic storage, reporters and ultimately the public depended on a good library. He was a good guy and from the results did his part.

So long, John. Thank you, and RIP

Andrew Kreig

Andrew Kreig - August 10, 2014 at 02:34 PM

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John was a true character in the old age of newspapering, running the library and hand-cutting stories for filing -- a frenzied job if ever there was one, especially considering all the local town edition stories. Back then The Courant had four full pages of town news in each of six editions, and all those stories had to be stored in the archives.

Beneath a curmudgeonly persona, John was a kind gentleman who could have taught a lot of reporters about street smarts and empathy. I remember John fondly.

Ed LaFreniere, Courant '73-'94

Ed LaFreniere - August 12, 2014 at 07:00 AM

MW

Dear Sean, I tried so hard to find you. Now I know where you are. May you be happy in your new Life. i will always miss you.

Mary Flynn Wilson - March 20, 2015 at 08:14 PM