



## John J. Swan

September 28, 1926 - May 29, 2021

John J. Swan

Broadalbin – John J. Swan, 94, of Broadalbin, passed away on Saturday, May 29, 2021.

Born in Amsterdam on September 28, 1926, he was the son of John and Esther Bremer Swan and was a 1944 graduate of Broadalbin High School. John was a lifelong resident of the Village of Broadalbin.

During WWII, John proudly served in the Army Air Force. Following his discharge from the military, John earned his bachelor's degree from Buffalo State Teachers College in 1951 with a degree in elementary education. In 1958, he earned his master's degree from SUNY at Albany.

Mr. Swan taught at Broadalbin Central School from 1952 until 1957. He served as the elementary principal for Mayfield Central School from 1958 until his retirement in 1988.

Mr. Swan was a member of Broadalbin United Methodist Church.

John was dedicated to the Broadalbin community and served as a Village trustee for over thirty years. He was appointed as Mayor in 1960 and later was elected to another term. Mr. Swan also volunteered as a coach and referee for local sporting events and was involved with the Broadalbin Youth Commission

for many years.

He had a lifelong interest in sports, specifically basketball, and was a Golden State Warrior fan. Additionally, Mr. Swan enjoyed reading about history, especially the Revolutionary War and local history.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Dawn Swan.

Survivors include his wife, Lelah Rae Brown Swan, whom he married on June 30, 1956; a son, Eric J. (Beth Ann) Swan of Philadelphia, PA; a daughter, Mary Kay (Alison Morgan) Swan of Bolton, MA; a sister, Mary (John) Gijanto of Vero Beach, FL; and two grandchildren, Erica and Connor Swan.

Funeral services will be held privately for the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Broadalbin Methodist Church, in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc., 111 County Highway 106, Johnstown, NY 12095.

To express online condolences, visit [www.halgasfuneralhome.com](http://www.halgasfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

WE

“ I have fond memories of Mr. Swan during my student days at Mayfield Elementary. In particular, there was one evening when I was playing an after-school basketball game, and my teammates and I hadn't eaten since earlier that afternoon. Knowing we were hungry, Mr. Swan went to his office and returned to the gym to offer the team his personal jar of jellybeans! I'm now 46, and his thoughtful gesture on that day so many years ago has not escaped my memory. My condolences to the family. He was a good person who will be missed.

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**Will Einemann** - June 10, 2021 at 07:03 PM

AK

“ I met John at the Broadalbin Kenneytto Historical Society. I thoroughly enjoyed his occasional talks about the history of the area. As I got to know him I was fascinated by all his accomplishments and stories of his life, his days at the summer house as a youth where he would rather read than go fishing, driving the school bus after a day of teaching, and becoming a school principal. He was a warm, kind gentleman.

*Arlo Klinetob*

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**Arlo Klinetob** - June 09, 2021 at 01:42 PM

M(

“ I am very sorry to hear of Mr Swans passing. He was a wonderful person and great principal. My condolences to his family. May he Rest In Peace.

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**Melissa Mehan (Morrison)** - June 08, 2021 at 08:54 PM

MS

“ Sorry to hear of Mr. Swans passing! He was a devoted father and respected member of the community! May he Rest In Peace and be in the presence of God! You are in our thoughts and prayers ! With sincere thoughts.

*Mark and Deb Small*

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**Mark Small** - June 08, 2021 at 08:46 PM

MB

“ So sorry to hear about Mr Swan. I went to Mayfield and graduated in 1985, so of course he was my elementary school principal. I ran into home a few years ago and had a nice chat with him. Such a nice man.

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**Mark Bolebruch** - June 08, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ Condolences to Mr. Swan's family. He was my elementary principal at Mayfield. Very nice man.

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**Dave Wilson** - June 08, 2021 at 07:28 PM

JH

“ Our sincere condolences to the Swan family; My father, John, and Mr. Swan were good friends and most notably in their later years met frequently for morning coffee and/or breakfast to discuss the latest local news. Mr Swan will always be remembered as a good friend to Dad who brought needed company and happiness into his life.

*God Bless,  
John W. Hrinishin*

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**John W. Hrinishin** - June 08, 2021 at 04:16 PM

JM

“ To the family of John Swan,

*I knew Mr. Swan many years ago, when he was principal at Mayfield.*

*Needless to say, I spent a considerable amount of time in his office, but I still have good memories of him. I used to run into him at the store once in a while. He'd always have a good word for you.*

*May God bless you all.*

*Joel Marcellus, class of 1977*

*(John 3:16, KJV)*

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**Joel Marcellus** - June 08, 2021 at 03:59 PM

JC

“ John's passing truly saddens Laurie and I. A good friend, great neighbor, and community leader. John and I share the same birthday, and we always had fun competing with one another on improving our home and property. If John had his driveway sealed, then I would immediately get mine done as well. I loved chatting with him, and we seemed to closely connect when we moved here from Buffalo. I will only have the fondness of memories of John. God bless you John.

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**Joseph Corby** - June 08, 2021 at 01:27 PM

DJ

“ So very sorry to hear of Johns passing. He was a very good friend to my Uncle Cal Lingenfelter and my mom. He was always kind to me when my uncle passed away and helped me out with his estate. Bless you John...rest in peace 🥹

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**Debbie Jeffords** - June 08, 2021 at 10:41 AM