



Jim "Eggy" Egeland

October 1, 1952 - February 26, 2020

Jim "Eggy" Egeland was born in Lisbon, Portugal, where his parents were missionaries. He grew up in Chicago, where he developed a love for rhythm and blues music, and a life-long devotion to the Chicago White Sox. He was a Vietnam era Air Force veteran: while stationed in Germany, he met his wife of 44 years. When he returned home, he managed a Schwinn bicycle shop in a suburb of Chicago, where his enduring passion for bicycling began.

For 17 years, Eggy, along with his wife and two children, was a missionary with Cadence International. As a level-headed and even-tempered peacekeeper, the missionary life was an ideal match for his sensibilities. He loved people: his goodwill, combined with his unique sense of humor, were inviting to anyone who crossed paths with him. The Egeland Hospitality House ministry in Vicenza, Italy, provided a range of spiritual and social outlets for U.S. military personnel stationed nearby, as well as interested locals. Eggy hosted social gatherings (movie nights; scavenger hunts; card game tournaments), planned special bike trips throughout the Italian countryside, wrote and led inspirational Bible studies, and conducted weekly worship services. Every year, the family would travel to Switzerland for conferences with other staff and their families serving in Europe with Cadence; these times provided the Egelands with many wonderful memories.

Upon fulfillment of their missionary services in Italy, the Egeland family relocated to Ohio and Eggy became an active member of Centerville Community Church. He loved singing in the choir and was active in the Youth Group leadership for a number of years. For the last 20 years, he has worked for Tire Discounters—starting in a Service Tech position working his way up the chain to Regional Manager. In recent years, his work with the company has included such responsibilities as developing training curricula and mentoring store managers. Eggy loved listening to and assisting the store managers: offering his expertise, wisdom and knowledge; always with a mind and heart to serve, and always with a keen sense of humor. He often spoke of how he loved the smell of tires, since it reminded him of the time he spent working in a bike shop.

Eggy was a family man through and through. He was a faithful father and husband, a loving grandfather, and he never turned down the chance to hold a baby. Eggy was a man of integrity and dependability: he never met a stranger, and he practiced the Golden Rule in every venture. He loved to read, and his eclectic tastes ranged from David Baldacci and Tom Clancy, to C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, the Bible (his “Sword”), Chuck Colson, Max Lucado, and many more. In his spare time, Eggy could most often be found in the kitchen, serving up some authentic Italian cuisine—his favorite food to cook and to eat—or on the back porch, next to his trusty Weber grill. His love of music ranged from his early affinity for R&B (Aretha Franklin, BB King, Sam & Dave), to the jangly rock’n’roll of Neil Young and the Allman Brothers, the British Invasion sounds of The Who and Eric Clapton, and the contemporary Christian rock of Larry Norman and Rich Mullins. Baseball was his all-time favorite sport, and every year he counted down to opening day.

Ever since his very first movie outing—for 1968’s *The Love Bug*—Eggy acquired a fondness for movies. He loved slapstick comedies (Laurel & Hardy; *The Pink Panther* films and 50’s classics, such as *Harvey*; as well as the British comedies of John Cleese and Monty Python). His all-time favorite movie soundtrack was the music from *The Blues Brothers*, and he insisted on listening to the CD on every road trip through the windy streets of his “Sweet Home, Chicago.” Some of the family’s fondest memories include their travels through Europe, countless American road trips, and the incredible experiences shared with friends and loved ones they bonded with around the world. Both of his families (at home and at work) attest that Eggy gave so much to everyone who knew him: much laughter; much joy; much love.

He was preceded in death by his mother Phyllis Maxine Egeland. He is survived by his wife, Mary “Peggy” Egeland (nee Tatro); two sons Aaron (Natalie) Egeland and Joshua Egeland (Craig); two grandchildren Caleb and Marshall Egeland; father Rolf Egeland; one brother Paul (Marie) Egeland; and one sister Kaleen (Cheryl) Richards.

Memorial services will be held 4 PM Saturday, March 7 at Centerville Community Church. The family will receive friends 3 - 4 PM Saturday, March 7 at the church. Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home in Waynesville is serving the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Target Dayton Ministries, <https://www.targetdayton.com>. Condolences at <http://www.stubbsconner.com>.

Events

MAR **The Family Will Receive Friends** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Centerville Community Church
10688 Dayton Lebanon Pike, Centerville, OH, US, 45458

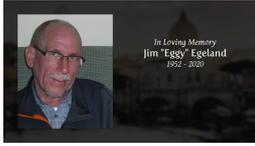
MAR **Memorial Service** 04:00PM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home - March 06, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ Cheryl's Classic Gift Tower was purchased for the family of Jim "Eggy" Egeland.



March 08, 2020 at 12:45 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Jim "Eggy" Egeland.



March 05, 2020 at 02:42 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jim "Eggy" Egeland.



March 05, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ It was our privilege as the Cadence directors to serve and care for the Egeland family during their first few years in Vicenza. Certainly the most memorable time was participating on a biking retreat across part of Northern Italy. Our prayers for God to show His mercies to the entire family are sent to you!

Paul and Beryl Metko - March 04, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ We were blessed to have Eggy as our spiritual mentor while stationed in Vicenza. The Hospitality House was our church home. Our children loved going there for teaching and fellowship. The many outings we went on were also great favorites for the family. Know we are praying for you and the boys, Peggy.

Jim and Teresa McKenzie

Teresa McKenzie - March 03, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ It was fascinating to read Eggy's detailed notes he'd left at the Vicenza Hospitality House while Rob and I served there years later - places to go, things to see, with the Hospitality House family. We also had the privilege of having Jeff and Daniela Bergmann at the Hospitality House; they had met and fell in love while Eggy was there. I understand he had strategically placed them in the same van on one of their trips, and Daniela had also served many plates of spaghetti at the House. :) We're blessed that they have become our very good friends; their twins are awesome youths! I'm sure Eggy has left his mark in the hearts of many soldiers to whom he and Peggy ministered, and with whom they shared sweet fellowship.

Karen A. Hampton - March 02, 2020 at 05:29 PM



“ I was part of the hospitality house in Vicenza, Italy from 1995-1997. I always described the HH as a “home away from home”. Eggy was the Good Shepard (John 10:11) in many ways leading a band of men and women on foot and by bike thru Vicenza, Monte Berrico, Beatenbutg, Lago di Garda, and many more places. Eggy certainly lived out the Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20) with his life. Godspeed and Rest In Peace until we meet again. Joe Primosch

joe primosch - March 01, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ I was randomly assigned as a roommate to Paul, Eggy's brother, in the Freshman Dorm at Wheaton College during my first year as a student there. I lived off campus with the Egeland family during my sophomore year. Through this contact I got to know Eggy a bit over the subsequent years. I was stunned to hear of his death via a voice note from Paul on Firday. (I live in South Africa.)

I never know what to say at times like this--and words are never adequate--but to say nothing seems so distant and cold. My heart aches for the surviving members of Eggy's immediate and extended family. The world is several decibels quieter and less humorous since his passing.

Bill Miller - March 01, 2020 at 03:38 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jim "Eggy" Egeland.



February 29, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ I was so grateful to be able to worship with Eggy and his family while we were stationed in Vicenza,Italy. Very compassionate, funny and an amazing man of God.

Carol Montgomery - February 29, 2020 at 12:13 PM