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### *Irish Eyes are Smiling*

There's a tear in your eye, And I'm wondering why,  
For it never should be there at all.  
With such pow'r in your smile, Sure a stone you'd beguile,  
So there's never a teardrop should fall.  
When your sweet lilting laughter's Like some fairy song,  
And your eyes twinkle bright as can be;  
You should laugh all the while And all other times smile,  
And now, smile a smile for me.

When Irish eyes are smiling,  
Sure, 'tis like the morn in Spring.  
In the lilt of Irish laughter  
You can hear the angels sing.  
When Irish hearts are happy,  
All the world seems bright and gay.  
And when Irish eyes are smiling,  
Sure, they steal your heart away.

For your smile is a part Of the love in your heart,  
And it makes even sunshine more bright.  
Like the linnets sweet song, Crooning all the day long,  
Comes your laughter and light.  
For the springtime of life Is the sweetest of all

There is ne'er a real care or regret;  
And while springtime is ours  
Throughout all of youth's hours,  
Let us smile each chance we get.



### *In Loving Memory*



James Joseph Eagan

June 28, 1933 ~ November 18, 2025



### *Irish Blessing*

**May the road rise up to meet you.**

**May the wind be always  
at your back.**

**May the sun shine warm  
upon your face,  
and rains fall soft  
upon your fields,  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you  
in the palm of His hand.**



## *James Joseph Eagan*

James "Jim" Joseph Eagan, age 92, of Mechanicsburg, left this world on November 18, 2025. He was born on June 28, 1933, in Carnegie, Pennsylvania to Norbert and Marie Eagan. A proud Irishman, devoted husband and father, he leaves behind a legacy of love, creativity, and selflessness.

Raised in Pittsburgh, Jim met his beloved wife, Kay. On the GI bill, Jim attended Gannon University ('59) in Erie PA where he met his friend-for life, Ron. He was a master carpenter whose craftsmanship brought joy (& furniture!) to his family and the neighbors. His bespoke furniture pieces and wooden toys became cherished heirlooms, while his custom woodwork, remote-controlled airplanes, boats, & even a submarine, showcased his fascination for building. Additionally, his enthusiasm for automobiles and his love for traveling and camping with family further highlighted a rich tapestry of interests that defined his life.

Jim had a distinguished career as a federal auditor. With the NCUA, he served as an examiner and a mentor, roles he embraced until his retirement in 1993. Even more important to him were his family, friends and community. As a veteran of the US Army, Jim remained an active member of the American Legion for 66 years, embodying the values of service and camaraderie. He also delighted in telling people he, a proud Irishman, was a life member of the Slovak Club in Erie! As a long-time resident of Mechanicsburg, Jim attended St Joseph RCC, enjoyed many fun "top-down" trips with Kay as part of the MG club plus was a 50 yr patron of the West Shore Plaza Barber Shop!

Jim was affectionately called "Papa" by family and friends. He will be sorely missed by those he leaves behind including his sons, Patrick (wife Christine) Eagan of Mechanicsburg and Christopher Eagan of Morganton, NC, along with his grandchildren, James J. Eagan, Colleen E. Eagan, Shannan G. (Joseph Dobson) Eagan, Caitlyn R. Eagan, and great-grandchildren, Rowan E. Eagan and Eleanor R. Dobson. He was predeceased by his wife, Kathryn Eagan, 7 years ago and recently by his daughter-in-law, Laura Eagan. His sisters Donna Hambrick, Joanne Bebko, and Eileen Kopa are also fondly remembered.

Jim's passing is felt deeply by a close-knit family and circle of friends. He will be remembered as a husband, father, friend and artisan and for his humor, intelligence & integrity. He is an inspiration, to those who had the privilege of knowing him, fed by the laughter he shared, the stories he told and the craftwork he leaves behind.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held in his honor at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, on January 17, 2026, at 11:00 AM, a time for reflection and remembrance. At his request, a 'good old-fashioned wake' for family and friends will follow. A private ceremony of interment in Mechanicsburg Cemetery will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, Jim has requested that memorial contributions be made to American Legion Post 109 locally or to St Jude's Children Hospital nationally.