

In Memoriam
JOHN A. CAVANAGH

With great sadness, we mark the passing of a dear friend, construction industry icon, and founding member of CAGNY, John A. Cavanagh. John was a highly-regarded, active leader in the New York City construction industry, and through his years of hard work and unfailing dedication, earned the unequivocal trust and respect of his peers in all sectors of the building community, real estate industry, as well as organized labor. John was elected Chairman Emeritus of CAGNY in 2004, having served as CAGNY's Chairman since the association's founding in 1984. In 2001, CAGNY honored Mr. Cavanagh by naming its scholarship program after him. The John A. Cavanagh Scholarship Program continues to enhance educational opportunities for tomorrow's construction industry leaders and has awarded over 50 scholarships since the Program's inception.

John also served as Chairman of the New York Building Congress from 1996 to 2000, as a Director and Director Emeritus for decades, and was a Vice Chairman of the New York Building Foundation. In 2000, John received the Building Congress Industry Recognition Award. John served three terms as President of New York's Building Trades Employers' Association (BTEA) and subsequently as BTEA's Chairman Emeritus and a member of its Board of Directors. He was a member of the New York City Building Department's Site Safety Committee, and an industry representative of the New York Real Estate Board. John Cavanagh was one of the earliest construction industry supporters of Nontraditional Employment for Women (NEW) and helped open doors throughout the industry for tradeswomen trained by NEW.

John was active on the board of the Edward J. Malloy Initiative for Construction Skills, organized in 2001 by the School Construction Authority, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, New York City Board of Education and the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York. The Initiative promotes apprenticeship opportunities with local unions and New York City High School students who are residents of NYCHA communities. John was also a member of the Board of Directors of the ACE Mentor Program of Greater New York, designed to encourage today's youth to enter the fields of architecture, construction and engineering.

Additionally, John was a member of the City of New York Mayor's Construction Advisory Council. On January 26, 2002, then Mayor of the City of New York, Rudy Giuliani, issued a Certificate of Recognition to John Cavanagh for his leadership in the Design, Construction and Real Estate Industry, and for his dedication to the City of New York.

In the course of his nearly five-decade long career, John was Vice Chairman of AMEC Construction Management, Inc. and President and COO of Morse Diesel International, Inc. John managed more than \$7 billion worth of construction in virtually every conceivable market, from commercial to residential properties, hotels to health facilities, airports to correctional institutions, stadiums and industrial projects.

The most notable projects that he worked on included: Rockefeller University's New Research Laboratory; major new buildings and renovations of Bronx Lebanon Hospital; multiple projects for Mount Sinai Medical Center; North Shore University Hospital; the construction of the USAir Terminal at LaGuardia Airport; Terminals One and Four at JFK Airport; the Rose Center for Earth and Space at the American Museum of Natural History; numerous projects for New York University; the New York Stock Exchange; Marriott Marquis Hotel; countless office buildings and other noteworthy projects, such as the Sears Tower in Chicago; Franklin Mills Outlet Shopping Center in Philadelphia; 101 Hudson Street in Jersey City; Philip Morris Cigarette Manufacturing Center in Richmond, Virginia; the Philip Morris Corporate Headquarters, which included construction of the Whitney Museum's exhibition space; the Museum of Modern Art and Orion Power's Astoria Generating Repowering Project; Major Stadium projects, including the expansion of McCormick Place in Chicago; and BART light rail project in San Francisco. Mr. Cavanagh also led one of the four prime contractors for the cleanup of the World Trade Center site after September 11, 2001, which was completed ahead of schedule and under budget.

Most recently, John was President of American Fire Suppressant Products, Inc., Cavanagh/Stewart International, Inc. and John A. Cavanagh Consulting Services, Inc., and was a member of the Board of Directors of Visionary Vehicles, LLC and KSW, Inc. John was educated at the University of Oklahoma where he studied Civil Engineering and at Pratt Institute where he studied Construction Technology.

John resided in Centerport, New York and is survived by his wife, Barbara, his daughter, Connie, and her husband Paul Deering, his daughter, Nancy, and her husband Jerry Maliwesky, his son, Sean, and his wife Joanne, and his grandchildren Ian and Cathaline Deering, and John Armstrong (Jack) and Christian Cavanagh.

Wake Information:

Friday, November 30th and Saturday, December 1st
2:00-5:00PM and 7:00-9:00PM

NF Walker Funeral Home

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Sympathy cards to the family can be mailed to:

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In lieu of flowers, John's family requested that donations be made to the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center. Their website can be located at www.setonpediatric.org/elizabeth-seton-pediatric-center.