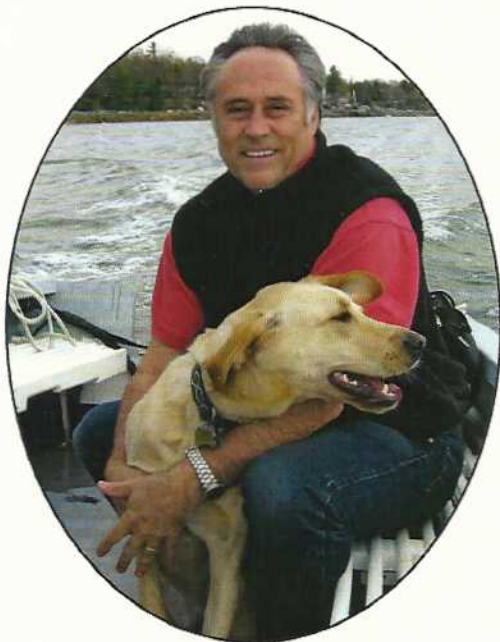


**Celebrating the Life of the
Honorable J. Christopher Walsh**

May 20, 1951 - May 3, 2018



Saturday, June 9, 2018
Nevins Hall, Memorial Building
Framingham, Massachusetts

- Welcome:** Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer
- Introductions:** Honorable Tom Sannicandro, former
Massachusetts State Representative
- Remarks:** Honorable Robert A. DeLeo,
Speaker of the Massachusetts
House of Representatives
- Honorable Karen E. Spilka,
President-Designate of the
Massachusetts Senate
- Remembrances:** Kate and James Walsh
Annie Murphy
Brian LeFort
Steve Greeley
Tom Sannicandro
- Reception:** Nevins Hall



John Christopher Walsh, born in St. Albans, NY, was the son of Rear Admiral John A. Walsh and the late Sheila Keliher Walsh of Framingham. As a member of a Navy family, Chris grew up in many places – Connecticut, Mississippi, Washington, D.C. and Rome, Italy, among them. He was graduated from Portsmouth Abbey and the Rhode Island School of Design. He met Cindy Roop at RISD and they married in 1984. Chris was a registered architect.

Wanting a hometown for his own children, Chris and Cindy joined his parents in Framingham to live in the historic Jonathan Maynard house in 1989. And so began Chris's years-long involvement in Framingham culture, history, and politics. He was a Town Meeting member, a Framingham Public Library trustee and served on the board of Amazing Things Arts Center. Chris also was chairman of the Historic District Commission and president of the Framingham Historical Society.

Chris was elected to represent the 6th Middlesex in 2010. His legislative accomplishments include opening MWRA aqueducts in Framingham for walking trails and shepherding the CARE act for family caregivers to become law. Perhaps his most enduring legacy is the successful expansion of the Housing Court to the entire Commonwealth. Chief Justice Ralph Gants has noted that the effort was unlikely to succeed without Chris's support.

Chris also was a staunch supporter of the Massachusetts National Lancers, a ceremonial cavalry troop headquartered at Camp DiCarlo in South Framingham. He secured state funds for maintaining the Lancers stables and modernizing the troop's horse transport equipment.



For those wishing to make a memorial gift, donations can be made in Chris's name to the Danforth Museum of Art:
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