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Friends of John & Joyce Sheridan

"**Friends of John & Joyce Sheridan**," a group of nearly 200 prominent New Jerseyans including three former Governors, a former State Supreme Court Justice, two former state attorneys general and a former chief state proscutor, want the investigation into the death of John and Joyce Sheridan reopened and, at a minimum, the cause of John's death changed from "suicide" to "undetermined."

"**Friends of John & Joyce Sheridan**," includes former Governors Thomas Kean, James J. Florio and Christine Whitman of New Jersey; former Supreme Court Justice Gary Stein; former Attorney Generals John Farmer and Peter Harvey; Ed Stier, former director of the NJ Division of Criminal Justice; former state cabinet officers, former prosecutors; defense attorneys, lawyers, friends and professional associates of the couple.

The letter of support is attached along with a list of the individuals who have signed in support of the legal effort by Sheridan's four sons to have the death certificate changed and the investigation into the deaths reopened.

Other individuals who also wish to sign the "Friends" letter, should email their intent to "FriendsofJohnandJoyce@gmail.com.



We are friends of John and Joyce Sheridan.

We knew them as colleagues, as leaders, as mentors, and as neighbors who loved each other and their family. And, most importantly, we knew them as friends who cared deeply about how they conducted their lives.

We were shocked and deeply saddened by the tragic killing of John and Joyce in their home in September of 2014.

We have long agreed with independent experts and the media that have reviewed the case that there are compelling reasons to question the murder/suicide conclusion reached by the medical examiner and the prosecutor's office. Most recently, the specter of those flawed investigations was again raised in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and the *New York Times Sunday Magazine*, just as it has been earlier in *The Star-Ledger*.

That is why we continue to strongly support the legal efforts by John and Joyce's sons to change the cause of John's death from "suicide" to "undetermined" on his death certificate.

The only truth in this terrible tragedy is that no one knows what happened on that September morning—not us, not the medical examiner, not the prosecutor.

We support the Sheridan family's efforts to re-open the investigation into the murder of their parents by offering a substantial financial reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of John and Joyce's killer(s).

But most of all we believe that John Sheridan—through his personal and professional life in New Jersey—earned the right to have his life and death assessed competently and accurately. At a minimum, that requires that the cause of death be changed by the medical examiner from suicide to undetermined.



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