

IN MEMORY OF
WILLIAM F
KEAN

Obituary for William Kean



MEDFIELD: William Francis Kean died peacefully on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at the age of 88.

William had many interests and was a man of faith. He enjoyed spiritual retreats, was an active member for 17 years at St. Amelia's in Tonawanda, NY and a daily communicant at St. Thomas in Millis for 20 years.

His activities were civic or social. William served on the Medfield Cable Committee, ran the Hannah Adams Bridge Club, began and ran the Blessed Sacrament School Grand Club in Walpole and was a member of the GTE Quarter Century Club.

William enjoyed projects around the house, and was ready to lend a hand with other people's home improvement projects. He cherished his family, his wife Pat and he did many things together: bridge, fishing, and bowling for which they won many trophies. Board games and billiards would involve many family members.

He was also a sportsman. He signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers where he pitched to the likes of Jackie Robinson, and was eventually inducted into the Western New York Baseball Hall of Fame. And let's not forget about his World Series ring. William coached his son Tommy every summer until high school and played pickup games with his ex-pro pals. He also had an interest in hockey. He maintained the ice before the days of the Zamboni, painting the lines and laying down a fresh coat of water, skated with the family and played pickup games with Tommy.

Professionally he was a Reliability Engineer for GTE for 35 years and also worked as a Chemical Engineer for Olin Mathieson Chemical Company in Grand

Island, New York. Always, he maintained an active mind that was eager to learn, and to figure out how things worked.

William was the son of the late William J. and O'Delia (Christ) Kean of New York. He leaves behind his beloved wife Patricia (Rebadow) Kean and his many children: Patricia M. Kean and her husband Larry Hartenian of Plymouth, Tommy M. Kean and his wife Joanne of Medway, Kathy K. Cahill of Lexington and Kevin Cahill of Walpole, Colleen K. Jensen and her husband Carl of Medfield and Barbara K. Macchi and her husband Paul of Franklin. He is also survived by his sister Nancy Shanahan of Amherst New York.

All are welcome to attend a funeral mass at St. Thomas the Apostle, 82 Exchange St., Millis, MA., on Thursday May 19, 2016 at 10:30 O'clock AM followed by burial at Vine Lake Cemetery in Medfield. Visiting hours will be on Wednesday, May 18 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Roberts-Mitchell Funeral Home, 15 Miller St. Medfield MA.

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