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**Thomas Keane**

Thomas E. Keane, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle, 83, of Bradford, passed away Monday (July 13, 2015) after a lengthy illness.

Born April 13, 1932, in Wellsville, N.Y., he was a son of the late Edward and Mabel Arnold Keane. On Feb. 3, 1996, in Limestone, N.Y., he married Ann E. Roemer Keane, who survives.

Mr. Keane was a 1950 graduate of Bradford High School, where he excelled in baseball, football and basketball. He received All State Recognition in football and basketball. After high school, he played professional baseball in the Philadelphia Phillies farm system from 1950-52.

On Dec. 16, 1952, in Buffalo, N.Y., he enlisted in the U.S. [Army](#) and served during the [Korean War](#). He was awarded the Korean Service Medal with one [Bronze Star](#) and the United Nations Service Medal. On Dec. 9, 1954, at Camp Kilmer in New Jersey, he was honorably discharged. After the service, he returned to professional baseball. In 1961, he began his career as a [firefighter](#) with the City of Bradford Fire Department and retired as captain in 1996. During that time, he worked construction for S.M. Gleason and also at the Bottle of Beer Distributors. After his professional baseball career, he played in the fast pitch softball league in Olean, N.Y., at Marcus Park for the Mini Bar during the 60's and 70's.

He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and spending winters with his wife in Florida.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Kelly (George) Walter of Jacksonville, N.C., and Jill Keane of Bradford; one son, Patrick (Shelly) Keane of Limestone; two stepsons, Pasquale (Jessica) Vigliotta of Bradford and Joseph (Ara) Vigliotta of Liberty Lake, Wash.; one sister, Judy McDowell of Sherman Oaks, Calif; three grandchildren, Zach Walter, Josh Walter, and Pressley Keane; six stepgrandchildren, Vincenzo Vigliotta, Vataliana Vigliotta, Jaxon Faes, Jack Vigliotta, Joe Vigliotta and Nicholas Vigliotta; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Jack Keane; one brother-in-law, James McDowell; and one stepgrandson, Zachary P. "Zach" Vigliotta.

Family will be receiving friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the Hollenbeck-Cahill Funeral Homes Inc., 372 East Main St., where funeral and services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Raymond Gramata, pastor of St. Bernard Church, officiating. Committal services and military honors will be accorded in Willow Dale Cemetery.

Memorials, if desired, may be made to the Zachary P. Vigliotta Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 434, Bradford; the McKean County SPCA, P.O. Box 113, Bradford; or a [charity of the donor's choice](#) .

Online condolences may be made at [www.hollenbeckcahill.com](http://www.hollenbeckcahill.com).

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