



Francis O'Keefe

August 26, 1925 - September 12, 2015

In New Haven September 12, 2015 Francis O'Keefe 90, of Hamden. Husband of the late Ellen "Lena" Carey O'Keefe. Loving father of Julia DeCola of Hamden, Nora O'Keefe of Hamden, Theresa O'Keefe of West Lebanon, NH, Frances Holzbar of Hamden and Annmarie Satterfield (Robert) of Telford, PA., brother of John O'Keefe of East Haven, Maurice O'Keefe of Kiskeam, Ireland, Martin Scott of Boston, Ma. and Julia Mullane of England. Also survived by his cherished grandchildren Robert Bellucci (Tracy), Andrew Barkalow, Justin Barkalow, Shannon Furnari (William), Ashley Barkalow, LCPL, USMC Sean O'Keefe, two step grandchildren Robert Satterfield (Amanda), David Satterfield (Tabitha), his great grandchildren Audrianna Bellucci, Mason Reese and James Bellucci, and his devoted K9 companion R.J. Predeceased by brothers Paddy O'Keefe, Jeremiah O'Keefe, sisters Eileen Manning, Nora Hennessy, Breda Hill, Kathleen Hickey, Maureen Dempsey and son in laws Dominic A. DeCola, Jr. and Jeffrey C. Holzbar. Mr. O'Keefe was born August 26, 1925 in Kiskeam, County Cork, Ireland, son of the late Francis and Molly O'Connell O'Keefe. Prior to his retirement he was a bricklayer for Robert S. Fers Construction in North Haven. Francis was a member of the Irish American Community Center and in 1989 received Irish Man of the Year award, in 2006 he received the St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation for service to St. Rita Church, in 2008 he received the IACC Sports and Cultural Award for his work with the Festival. He was a very active parishioner of St. Rita Church and an avid Boston Red Sox Fan.

His funeral will leave Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden Thursday at 9.a.m., Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. in St. Rita Church. Burial in All Saints Cemetery. Calling hours are Wednesday from 4 - 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers contributions to St. Rita Church 1620 Whitney Ave. Hamden, 06517 or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To leave an online condolence please visit www.siskbrothers.com

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

700 Middletown Ave.
North Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling hours

SEP **16**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 288-7114
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

Funeral service

SEP **17**. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Rita Church
1620 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *It was with great sadness that I learned of Frank's passing. Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of this great man.*

Jay McGuinness - October 02, 2015 at 10:50 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Francis O'Keefe.*



September 16, 2015 at 11:26 AM

JC

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all the O'Keefe families. May the Leprechauns be near you to spread good luck along your way. May all of the Irish Angels smile on you today. Jane and Honoria McGuire.*

Jane Beirne McGuire, Westbrook Ct - September 16, 2015 at 07:58 AM

FR

“ *The quiet man has gone to rest and left us all behind
With only memories left to hold, of a gentle man, and kind
Yet 'neath that quiet exterior, was an inner core of steel
A strength, a calm, a giant heart that all around could feel.*

*He's left a space which can't be filled, a void so big and vast
Yet all those memories will remain, and ensure his legacy lasts
His children, made of similar stuff, will carry on his work
Of making the world a better place, a duty he never shirked.*

*And out there in the Afterlife, which he always did believe
He's happy with his siblings now, his sufferings relieved
And that strength and light which was within, is free - and with us
still
So his body's gone, but his soul loves on, and we know it always
will.*

Frank

Frank - September 16, 2015 at 12:10 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the
family of Francis O'Keefe.*



September 15, 2015 at 09:14 AM

SP

“ *Hats off to you Mr. O'Keefe and "Up The Rebels" !!!*

Sheila Panza - September 14, 2015 at 05:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Francis O'Keefe.*



September 14, 2015 at 05:08 PM



“ *With love from the BHS team purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Francis O'Keefe.*



With love from the BHS team - September 14, 2015 at 11:45 AM



“ *Suzi Dockrell sent a virtual gift in memory of Francis O'Keefe*



Suzi Dockrell - September 14, 2015 at 06:10 AM



Sending hugs to all of my family.

Suzi Dockrell - September 14, 2015 at 06:11 AM

 Suzi
Dockrell

“ One of my memories of Uncle Frankie is when he was over in the UK sitting with his family and singing lots of Irish songs. Uncle Frankie was a wonderful man and loved by all his family.

Suzi Dockrell - September 14, 2015 at 06:02 AM

SA

“ I am so very sorry for your great loss. He was a very lucky man to have such a wonderful family and I am sure that he will be missed by many.

Our family is thinking of you all in this most difficult time.

With deepest sympathy,

Sarah McDougall and family

Sarah - September 13, 2015 at 06:11 PM

LE

“ Frankie will be truly missed, he was a great husband, father and friend. He touched everyone's heart. Frankie always brightened up any room he came into. Always a "tease" and loved to have fun with everyone, I have been blessed to know his daughter Annmarie and all the sisters too, Annie and I have been friends for over 26 years now.... Rest in Eternal Peace Frankie, you will be in our hearts forever... xoxo

Lori Esposito - September 13, 2015 at 02:50 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Francis O'Keefe.



September 13, 2015 at 01:28 PM