



## Mr. Gerald F. Keehnle

May 17, 1931 - July 12, 2014

Gerald F. Keehnle , 83, of 10 club circle died on Saturday, July 12, 2014 at his home. He was born in Pittsfield on May 17, 1931 a son of Charles and Marguerite Cunningham Keehnle, educated in Pittsfield he graduated from PHS in 1949.

After graduation he joined the US Navy where he had served in a submarine squadron.

He entered the Pittsfield Fire Department on January 27, 1954 as a private and worked his way up the ranks. He held an Associate Degree in Fire Sciences from BCC. In 1986 He became Fire Chief and retired in 1991. He spent 37 years in the department. He unselfishly made our community a safe environment.

After his many years on the Fire Department he took a truly deserved, relaxing and enjoyable retirement spent at his home on Pontoosuc Lake. He was an Accomplished carpenter and over the years he built a total of four homes for his family in the Pontoosuc Lake area. He also built a home for his daughter. He enjoyed traveling, motor boating, fishing and spending time with his family. He was always there when you needed him.

He leaves his wife of 62 years, the former Sylvia Sharkey, whom he married in St. Anthony's Church in North Adams on October 11, 1952; a daughter Kathleen Noble and her husband George and their children Christine Noble-Drosehn & her husband Paul Drosehn, Andrew & James Noble of Pittsfield, his daughter Joanne Keehnle and her fiancé Ross Currier of North Sandwich,

New Hampshire, his son Peter Keehnle and his wife Tracy and their children Kristen, Nicholas, and Matthew of Huntersville, North Carolina and one great grandson Timothy Noble of Pittsfield. His is also survived by his brother Kenneth Keehnle, of Stephentown, NY and his sister, Barbara Keyes of Pittsfield. He was predeceased by his brother Martin Keehnle.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for former Pittsfield Fire Chief, Gerald F. Keehnle, will be Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Church, celebrated by the Rev. A. Peter Gregory, pastor. Burial with full military honors will be private. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Charles Church Memorial Fund, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA 01201, in his memory. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ONLINE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Charles Church  
89 Briggs Ave.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
<http://stcharlespittsfield.org/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our condolences and we will miss him...Jon, Michael and Megan*

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