



Mr. Kearons J. Whalen III

May 25, 1942 - March 2, 2013

Kearons J. Whalen, III passed away at his home in Pittsfield on Saturday morning. He was 70 years old.

A proud native of Pittsfield, he was born May 25, 1942 to Dr. Kearons J. Whalen and Ann Flay Whalen, attended local schools, and was a member of Pittsfield High School's Class of 1961. After graduating from the University of Buffalo with a bachelors degree in history, Mr. Whalen earned his juris doctor from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia where he was named to the Law Review. He was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1968 and, with the late L. George Reder, was founding partner of the firm Reder and Whalen on Bartlett Avenue where he practiced law for 45 years.

An avid golfer from his youth, Mr. Whalen was Berkshire County Golf Champion in 1969.

He married the love of his life, the former Susan Reeves of Pittsfield in 1973, and together they raised a family of twelve children who will gratefully carry their father's warmth, wit, and generosity of spirit for the rest of their lives. He was predeceased by a son, Joseph Earl, and a brother, Marshall D. Whalen. He leaves a sister, Mrs. Patricia Kelsey of Yarmouth, Maine.

Mr. Whalen is survived by his wife Susan of Pittsfield and children Geoffrey (Hilary) of Oakland, CA; Eliza (Marco) and Richard of Great Barrington, Joshua (Leann) of New Lebanon, NY; Rachel of Berkeley, CA; Oliver of Marathon, FL; Kearons (Barrie) of Somerville, MA; Reeves (Jenni) of Denver, CO; Jessy of Pittsfield; as well as Ben and Prudence, both at home. He

leaves 13 devoted grandchildren.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Kearons J. Whalen III will be Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 9 a.m. from the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Mark Church celebrated by the Rev. John Salatino, pastor. Burial will be at a later date in Pittsfield Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home will be Tuesday, March 5, 2013 from 4 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the name of Hospice Care in the Berkshires and the Pittsfield Boys Club, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home in his memory. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ON THIS WEBSITE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

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“ Dear Susan & family,

Please accept my deepest sympathy on the death of your husband. I did not learn of his death until this morning when trying to reach him to let him know I would be passing through Pittsfield in June. Kearnie and I are cousins and, although we have had some telephone contact over the years, we last saw each other in the early 1980's. I stopped in Pittsfield several years ago on my way to a conferance to chance seeing him but you and he were in Key West. I have some wonderful memories of Kearnie from my youth and my mother and father loved him dearly.

I realize how difficult this time is for you and your family but I hope you can reconcile his passing with the knowledge that he lived a very fulfilling and rewarding life and that he is now safe in God's good hands. Maureen's and my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

*Michael Patrick Whalen
Judge
Seventh Judicial Circuit of Maryland
Ste. M2423 Courthouse
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772*

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