



## Mr. Ronald J. Kane

March 15, 1921 - April 7, 2012

Ronald J. Kane, 91, of 149 Montgomery Ave. Ext, Pittsfield, died on Saturday, April 7, 2102 at Berkshire Medical Center after a brief illness. Born in Pittsfield, MA on March 15, 1921, Ronald was the son of the late James and Edith Hill Kane. After both of his parents died at an early age, leaving him and his 4 sisters orphaned, his Aunt Winifred Kane raised them on her own. He attended schools in Pittsfield MA, after which time he joined the US Army Air Forces and served for 4 years, completing an unheard of 51 missions as a tail gunner. Upon his honorable discharge from the Air Force, he was employed by General Electric Company for 43 years as a toolmaker in the Transformer Division, in Pittsfield. After his retirement from GE, he volunteered at the Christian Center, enjoyed playing golf, and enjoyed traveling, especially to New York City and Vermont. He and his wife Catherine also loved to travel with their best friends Clark & Jane Gable. He touched many lives along his long journey. He was a devoted husband and the love of Catherine's life. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. He had a great sense of humor, which stayed with him to the end. He was a member of St. Charles Parish in Pittsfield.

Ronald leaves his wife of 65 years, Catherine Durkin Kane, a daughter, Therese Carnevale and her husband Anthony of Pittsfield; Three sons; Michael J. Kane and his partner Marion VanArsdell, of Northampton, MA; David J. Kane and James P. Kane of Pittsfield. He also leaves two

granddaughters, Sarah and Meghan Kane, and their mother Mary Kane. He leaves a cousin, Mary Fay of Silver Springs, MD. Ronald was predeceased by four sisters, Madeline Spasyk, Elizabeth Kane, Gertrude Maston and Mary Harrison. He leaves many nieces and nephews, who were very important to him. Cecelia Mancini, Kathleen Ostroff, Mary Ellen McWhorter, Bernadette Hill, Robert Harrison, Paul Harrison and Nora Harrison.

Funeral Notice:

A Liturgy of Christian Burial for Mr. Ronald J. Kane will be Friday April 20, 2012 at 11 am at St. Charles Church, celebrated by the Rev. A. Peter Gregory, pastor. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery. There are no calling hours. If friends desire, donations may be made to St. Charles Church Reaching New Heights Elevator Fund or the Christian Center, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA, in his memory. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE THROUGH THIS WEBSITE, but can be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to learn of Ron's passing. Such a nice gentleman. His loss will be felt in the neighborhood.

*Jim and Kathy Cota*

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**James Cota** - April 18, 2012 at 03:03 PM

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“ Mrs. Kane, Mike, Dave, Jim and Therese  
So Sorry to read about Mr. Kane. He was a great guy, always upbeat and just a pleasant man.

*Jay & Lois*

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**Jay & Lois Tobin** - April 14, 2012 at 10:31 AM

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“ I am very saddened to read of Ronald's passing. He and Catherine were such a lovely couple, always together. My sympathy to all of the family and prayers for comforting memories to help you through this period of grief.

*Bill Frazier*

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**William Frazier** - April 14, 2012 at 07:13 AM