



Mr. William J. Cahill

April 17, 1923 - October 4, 2014

William J Cahill passed away in his sleep at Springside Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Pittsfield on October 4, 2014. He was born on April 17, 1923 in Pittsfield, the son of Michael Henry and Catherine Bridget Casey Cahill. He attended both St. Joseph Grammar School and High graduating in 1939. He lived in Lanesborough since 1960 before moving to Cameron House in Lenox in 2010.

He was veteran of World War II serving in the Navy in the Pacific Theater, from March 1944 until June 1945, and was honorably discharged as a Radio Operator 3rd Class. He never talked about his experiences in the war but he never liked rainstorms with high winds. It was the first and last time he was ever on a boat or plane.

After courting her for four years, he married Eleanor Theresa Francoeur on April 28, 1951 in St. Charles Church. He was completely devoted to his wife and their love for each other sustained the family through both difficult and good times. She passed away on July 16, 1989.

William Cahill began his career at GE and worked at JF Kahl Jewellery Store before joining the US Postal Service. He was longest employed at Unistress Corporation, where he worked in mechanics and maintenance for 20 years, retiring in 1988.

He was a honored member of the Irish American Club and spent many hours volunteering for various Club functions including its Follies, its Club house, and entertainment events. He remains a revered member.

He was a proud member of the Laborer's International Union of North America since 1972.

He was a daily Mass attendant for many years at St. Charles Boromeo Church and belonged to the Chapel of North American Martyrs while he lived in Lanesboro.

He is survived by his son Kevin WFX Cahill and his partner Robert V O'Connor of Pittsfield, and his daughter Karen M Hall and her husband Geoffrey of Rehoboth.

He is also survived by his grandsons Ryan Jake Hall and his fiancé Natalia Sadaniantz of Rehoboth and Shane Hall of Amherst MA and by many nephews and nieces and cousins throughout the country and in Ireland.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by three brothers: Philip, Francis, and John as well as two sisters: Catherine Cahill and Eleanor McErlain.

The family would like to express its appreciation to the staff at Springside Rehabilitation Center and especially to the staff at Cameron House for their devoted attention to our father.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. William J. Cahill will be Thursday, October 9, 2014 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. Joseph Church celebrated by Msgr. Michael A. Shershanovich, pastor. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home will be Wednesday, October 8, 2014 from 4 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family suggests that donations be made to the Irish American Club's Scholarship fund, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home in his memory. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ONLINE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Service

OCT 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Church
414 North St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Tribute Wall

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“ Casey- Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May the love and fond memories of your father become implanted memories in your heart of the joy you both shared. May you and your family find peace, joy, and solace in God who will embrace you with His loving grace during this time.

*“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.” -
Matthew 5:4*



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