



## Deacon William G. Moesley

June 2, 1923 - July 5, 2013

Deacon William G. Moesley, 90, of Balance Rock Rd., Lanesborough, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, July 5, 2013 surrounded by his family.

Born in Pittsfield on June 2, 1923 the son of William G. and Alma J. Clapper Moesley, he was a 1941 graduate of Pittsfield High School.

Mr. Moesley worked as a meat cutter for 53 years, first working then owning the former Whorle's Meat Market on Wahconah St., then the former Adams Supermarket and Big Y and finally for Harry's Supermarket before retiring in 1986.

After four years of study, Mr. Moesley was ordained a Permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church at St. Michaels Cathedral in Springfield, MA on May 29, 1993, by the late John Marshall (Bishop of Springfield Diocese). The bishop first assigned him to his home parish of North American Martyrs in Lanesborough for 18 months, then transferred him to St. Charles Parish in Pittsfield, where he remained until the time of his death.

Deacon Bill was on the Lanesborough Finance and School Committees, the Mt. Greylock School Committee, a Little League Coach, he volunteered for Girls Club Bingo as well as the Dehon Seminary and St. Charles Bingo, he volunteered at the St. Joseph Soup Kitchen, the RCIA program at St. Charles Church where he also taught Pre-Cana Classes and CCD, which he was awarded the Pius X award for outstanding service. He served as Catholic Chaplain at the Berkshire County House of Correction where he also ran the Residents Encounter Christ Program. He was an Associate of Sisters of St.

Joseph.

He was a US Army WWII veteran serving in the 65th infantry and the 9th infantry under General George Patton. In 2010 he was chosen to fly on the Honor Flight New England from Boston to Washington D.C. to see the WWII monument as well as Arlington National Cemetery and other monuments. Deacon Bill was a devoted father and grandfather; he was always willing to help neighbors, friends and those in need. He had deep faith and lived out his faith daily. He was an avid Red Sox fan, win or lose. He was a country and Western music fan and was a frequent visitor to the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, TN. He also enjoyed visiting Branson, MO and California; he had also traveled to Italy, Germany, Ireland, Greece, Saudi Arabia, Hawaii and Mexico. Bill enjoyed yearly vacations to Cape Cod with family and also family camping trips to South Carolina, Florida, Maine, Pennsylvania and Niagara Falls.

Deacon Moesley is survived by his wife, the former Mary Burke, whom he married on June 18, 1949 at St. Mary's Church. He leaves five children, Susan Moesley of Chicopee, MA, Ann Hall and her husband John of Overland Park, KS, William "Bif" Moesley of Lanesborough, Joseph Moesley of Pikeville, TN and Patricia Moesley of Berkshire Village; 5 grandchildren, Laura Hall and her husband Andrew Shaw of Washington D.C., Karen Hall Kaiser and her husband Tracy of Pleasanton, CA, Joseph Moesley and Christina Moesley of Northport, FL and Cassandra Moesley of Joplin, MO; one great grandchild, Lillith Moesley; a sister, Myrtle Garzone of Troy, NY, sister-in-law Marita Burnick of Tequesta, FL, brother-in-law Ray Ferrarin and his wife Barbara and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Bill's family would like to sincerely thank Dr. Craig Kirby, Dr. Daniel Doyle, the staff of the Step Down unit at Berkshire Medical Center and also Hospice Care in the Berkshires for the care they gave Bill.

Funeral Notice:

A Liturgy of Christian Burial for Deacon William Moesley will be Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Church, celebrated by Rev. A. Peter

Gregory, pastor. Burial, with full military honors, will follow in Mt. View Cemetery in Lanesborough. Calling hours at the Dwyer Funeral Home will be Wednesday, July 10, 2013 from 3 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Charles Church, or to Honor Flight New England, which recognized his services to his country during World War II care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA 01201, in his memory.

**DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ONLINE, but can be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.**

# Tribute Wall

MV

“ *My thoughts and sympathies are with you and your family.*

*Merci Vanasse-Vickery*

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**Merci Vanasse-Vickery** - July 18, 2013 at 09:19 AM

CL

“ *Cathy Waterman Lyon lit a candle in memory of Deacon William G. Moesley*



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**Cathy Waterman Lyon** - July 10, 2013 at 11:21 AM

CL

*The Waterman Family would like to express there sincere Condolences to the Family Of Deacon Bill... He was a wonderful man. He came up to give my Mom ( Shirley) communion every Saturday right up till about two or three months ago. She is soo Grateful that he came to see her for that long. and is very saddened by his death. However, she will always remember him, and his sence of humor. He was certainly a very very giving man.. May he rest in Peace <3*

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**Cathy Waterman Lyon** - July 10, 2013 at 11:26 AM

BY

“ *Bob Yarmey lit a candle in memory of Deacon William G. Moesley*



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**Bob Yarmey** - July 10, 2013 at 09:16 AM

MC

“ *Mary, Patti and Family: Truly, our hearts mourn in Bill's passing, but it is also a joy to know that Jesus has finally taken both his hands, this time, and led Bill all the way into that inexpressible Love for eternity! Rich and Kathy Cartier*

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**Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cartier** - July 09, 2013 at 02:39 PM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Deacon William G. Moesley.*



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July 09, 2013 at 11:09 AM



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July 09, 2013 at 11:09 AM

MC

“ *Mrs. Moesley, Patty and family,  
My heartfelt condolences on your loss. Many beautiful memories we all have with our families being friends. You are all in my prayers.  
Mary Kate O'Brien Cyr*

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**Mary K. Cyr** - July 09, 2013 at 09:51 AM

DS

“ *Deacon Bill,  
We will miss your humor and your powerful presence in the sacristy  
before Sunday Masses. It was always a pleasure and honor to have  
known you and the unrelenting faith that you possessed was  
contagious to all of us. Thank you for your friendship and ministry.*

*Until we meet again,  
Dan Sullivan*

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**Dan Sullivan** - July 09, 2013 at 07:10 AM

CB

“ *A truly wonderful man and a joy to everyone who was fortunate to  
know him.*

*Carolyn and Art Boehm*

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**carolyn boehm** - July 07, 2013 at 08:02 PM