



## Mr. William Keith Murray

November 7, 1935 - January 17, 2014

William Keith Murray, 78, of 1036 Williams Street crossed over Friday, January 17, 2014 at home after a long illness, surrounded by his wife and family.

Keith was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts on November 7, 1935, to Walter Leo and Mary Ann Hall Murray. He attended St. Mary's Grade School and graduated from St. Joseph's Catholic School in 1954. He later attended Berkshire Community College and the former North Adams State College graduating with a degree in Business. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1955 and was stationed in Biloxi, Mississippi and Houma, Louisiana until 1959.

Keith married the former Sarah Allen at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Tallulah, Louisiana on April 6, 1957. They moved to Pittsfield in 1959. Keith was employed by the General Electric Company as a testman in the Ordinance Department and later as a systems analyst for the SMAINS Program. He retired in 1991 after 32 years of service. After retiring from GE he worked part time for Manning Livery Service and the Eagle Express. A longtime member of the Irish American Organization, Keith performed in the annual Irish Follies for several years. He enjoyed camping, gardening, woodworking, traveling to Nashville, Tennessee and Louisiana and sitting on his deck watching and feeding the birds. Keith also loved watching old movies, in particular John Wayne Westerns, but the thing he enjoyed the most was spending time with family. For 36 years he and his wife of 56 years

hosted a huge family picnic in July and a Christmas Eve Party (which always concluded with a rendition of "The 12 Days of Christmas") with relatives gathering from around the country.

He was so happy spending time with his grandchildren in his back yard and attending parties and picnics at nieces' and nephews' homes.

In addition to his wife, Keith is survived by his children, Sarah Margaret Murray of Pittsfield, Richard of Nashville, TN, Joseph and his wife Ann of Pittsfield and Cheryl of Pittsfield; six grandchildren, Benjamin Baumann, Katie ("Rebecca") Baumann, Emily Murray, Timothy ("Tim-O") Murray, Dylan Turner and Jason ("the Jakester") Turner; a brother Kevin B. Murray of New Baltimore, New York; and many wonderful, wonderful nieces and nephews. Keith was pre-deceased by two brothers, John and Paul, five sisters, Margaret Knight, Barbara Stack, Constance Brandon, Priscilla Pipp and Hope Cimini.

Funeral Notice with Flag:

Funeral services for Mr. William Keith Murray will be Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 8 a.m. from the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 9 a.m. at St. Mark's Church celebrated by the Rev. John C. Salatino, pastor and concelebrated by the Rev. David Aufiero, Parochial Vicar. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home will be Monday, January 20, 2014 from 4 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for memorial donations to either Hospice Care of the Berkshires or the T.J. Martell Foundation for Cancer Research, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ONLINE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ *Linda M. purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mr. William Keith Murray.*



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**Linda M.** - January 20, 2014 at 01:29 PM

EG

“ *To the Murray family, so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Eileen and Brian Grunwald*

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**Eileen Grunwald** - January 19, 2014 at 05:00 PM

HD

“ *Dear Sarah, Marg, Rick, Joe and Cher: Thank you for sharing your husband/dad with all of us all these years. There is no need to tell you what a remarkable and loving man he was and I will miss him so much. Of course, I remember the millions of funny things he said and did over the years, but there are a few occasions I recall Keith sitting with me and imparting some very kind and thoughtful wisdom to me, which I will always cherish. Wish we could be there with you, but know you are in our prayers and thoughts. We love you. - Holly and family*

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**Holly Donelson** - January 18, 2014 at 03:02 PM

SB

“ *Sally Brandon lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Keith Murray*



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**Sally Brandon** - January 18, 2014 at 12:06 PM

SB

*(And it's actually made of chocolate.) Missing you already.*

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**Sally Brandon** - January 18, 2014 at 12:09 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William Keith Murray.*



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January 18, 2014 at 10:35 AM

ME

“ *Dear Sarah and Family,  
Fred and I send our loving thoughts to you and to Kevin especially at this very sad time. May the days ahead and the memory of all those wonderful shared occasions bring you peace.  
God Bless all of you and give you strength.*

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**Mr. an Mrs. Fred Easton** - January 18, 2014 at 10:12 AM

BB

“ *Barry Ann Bark lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Keith Murray*



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**Barry Ann Bark** - January 18, 2014 at 08:06 AM

MW

“ *Thinking of you all and sending my condolences. He was truly loved by our family and all who knew him. So blessed that he was a part of our family. I truly enjoyed spending time with him. He always made you laugh. Hold the wonderful memories of him close to you and remember the good times. Find peace in knowing he is at rest now and no longer suffering. Love to you all and God Bless. Love, Mary*

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**Mary Wilkinson** - January 18, 2014 at 07:54 AM

BB

“ *My Godfather, Keith....you have been such a great contributor to my life - the way I see things, the way I react to things and the little things that make me laugh and smile. You will be missed more than you could ever know. Keep those water fights going up there! And say "hi" to the rest of the family that we miss so much. Peace to the Murrays - your father/husband was a truly great man! Love and support to you all in this time of grieving. Barry*

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**Barry Ann Bark** - January 17, 2014 at 07:08 PM