

Bernard J. Kane



Bernard J. "Bernie" Kane, 91 of Newport passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, April 11, 2015. He was the husband of Catherine "Kay" (Bradley) Kane. Born on October 4, 1923, in Newport, RI's Fifth Ward, he was the oldest of Philip and Lucy (Fatie) Kane's six children.

Bernie was a U.S. government employee for over 35 years and later worked for McLaughlin Research Corporation. He also worked part-time for Corcoran appraisers. He was a Navy veteran who survived both D-Day and Guadalcanal. He was a highly regarded baseball player, golfer and basketball coach. Most recently he was the Elks Club Veteran of the Year 2014, and was the Rhode Island CYO Man of the year in 1959. He was a volunteer at St. Joseph's Church soup kitchen. Bernie was instrumental in the construction of a monument, a granite bench, dedicated to all the golf caddies on the corner of Carroll and Harrison Avenue. This achievement was cited in Golf magazine. To his children he was known as "the greatest man in the whole world!" But most of all Bernie will be remembered as a dedicated hard-working family man raising six children with his wife Kay. He was very sensitive and caring person. He enjoyed music, reading, going to yard sales, dancing with Kay, being witty, notably having comical one liners and jokes. Around his home, he was handy, he had to be. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Irish Ceilidhe Club and Wanumetonomy Golf & country club.

Besides his wife of 63 years, Catherine "Kay", he is survived by his children, Kathleen (Mike) Arnold, Maura (Jason) Thomas, his sons Bernard F. "Buddy" (Jeanne) Kane, J. Bradley "Brad" (Sharon) Watterson and Phillip "Tiny" Kane. Eleven grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren, his brother John "Jack" Kane and sister Dorothy "Dottie" Graham also survive him.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Rita L. (Calder) Kane, his sons Leonard Kane and Kevin Watterson, his brothers Philip, Francis, Lawrence Kane.

Visiting hours were held on Wednesday, April 15 from 4-7 pm at the O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home, 465 Spring St., Newport. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 am on Thursday, April 16 at St. Joseph's Church, Broadway & Mann Avenue, Newport. Burial was at Newport Memorial Park, Howland Ave, Middletown. A celebration of his life followed at LaForge Casino Restaurant, 186 Bellevue, Newport. Donations may be made in Bernie's memory to the St. Joseph's Church Food Panty, 5 Mann Avenue, Newport, RI 02840.