



Arthur T. Keefe jr.

June 15, 2001

Arthur T. Keefe, Jr. died suddenly Friday morning at his home in Chestertown, MD at the age of 81. He had a private surgical practice as Chief of Surgery at the Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital for 25 years until 1980. A forty-Five year member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, he helped found its parish council also serving as president and had been active as a volunteer instructor for adult literacy and share programs in Kent County.

Born to Mabel Foran and Arthur Thomas Keefe and raised in New London, CT., he was an alumnus of the Taft School in Waterville, CT., Yale University and the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University. He was honorably discharged at the rank of captain from the US Army Medical Corps and completed his surgical residency and internship at St. Luke's Hospital in New York City.

His professional affiliations included fellowship in the American College of Surgeons, former president of the Maryland Medical and Chirurgical Society, Secretary of the Maryland State Board of Medical Examiners and a ten-year term as a Medical Director of Blue/Cross/Blue Shield of Maryland as well as four years on the former Blue Shield Board. He also served several terms as Kent & Queen Anne's County Hospital Chief of Staff.

An avid sailor, he took a leading role in the schooner Sultana replica ship

building project as well as building and repairing wood ship models. He initiated competitive croquet locally and was a twelve-year member of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. Other affiliations include Berzelius (Yale University), Squadron a (New York City), the Chester River Yacht & Country Club, Vice Chairman of the old Bohemia Historical Society and President of the Kent County Rotary Club.

He was previously married for 43 years to Lorraine Bernard Keefe who predeceased him in 1991. He is survived by his wife of seven years, Patricia Carrington and four children: Arthur Thomas Keefe, III, Potomac, MD; Bernadette Keefe Jaques, MD of Chapel Hill, NC; Timothy Bernard Keefe of Chestertown and Lisa Keefe Hull of Wicomico Church, VA; and 3 step children: Catherine Carrington Payne of Atlanta, GA, Charles Craddock Carrington of Orlando, FL and Darby Carrington Hewes of Chestertown, MD, 6 grandchildren and six step grandchildren.

In Lieu of flowers and cards, memorial contributions should be sent to the National Catholic Community Foundation, Old Bohemia Historical Society Fund 2661 Riva Road, Suite 1042, Annapolis, MD.

A mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Chestertown, MD. Interment will be private.

Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam, Funeral Home, P.A., Chestertown, MD.

Tribute Wall



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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



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