



## Harry Michael Keene

December 22, 1930 - October 24, 2012

Harry Michael Keene, 81, of Easton, MD, slipped away at high tide on Wednesday, October 24, 2012, amidst a flood of love from family, friends, and fishing buddies at the Talbot Hospice House in Easton, MD.

Michael was born on December 22, 1930, in Washington, DC, to the late Ethel Baker Keene and Carlos Joseph Keene. Under the guidance of Sister M. Prudence, he graduated from the Saint Mary's School of the Archdioceses of Baltimore and Washington.

In 1948, he began service to his country with the United State Air Force and was based in Fassburg, Germany. Michael earned the rank of Tech Personal Sargeant Major for the 6332nd Air, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, in 1955. He remained in the Air Force Reserves until 1962.

On April 16, 1955, Michael married the love of his life, Ada Frances Ashby, in Baltimore County, MD.

From 1955 until 1958, Michael worked for the Diagraph Bradley Company, in Baltimore, as a Sales Representative, and later for the Duo-Fast Maryland Company until 1977. He was at the forefront of bringing pneumatic automation to the construction, seafood, and packaging industries on Maryland's Eastern Shore. In 1971, under the advisement of Dou-Fast, Michael moved his family

to Easton in which to better serve his sales territory. In 1977, he became proprietor of Bay Country Industrial Supply (BAYCO) where he opened sales territories in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and North Carolina. He was also a consultant to DuPont for the Stren fishing line division. He served three federally appointed terms from 1977 until 1987 to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Fishery Management Council for the US Dept. of Commerce, and served as chairman to the Enforcement, Groundfish, and Scallop Committees.

For 44 years, Mike quietly lived the program, chaired meetings, and sponsored many to which there can be no thanks great enough.

Captain Mike, as he was best known, took thousands of people fishing over the years on one of his many "Doghouse" charter boats. One of his greatest pleasures was to expose people of all types to the Chesapeake Bay by hooking them up with a fish. He loved a good "break" of rockfish in the autumn, was constantly looking for birds on the horizon, and patiently waited for a tide-change to catch the first bite. He held one of the Country's longest continuously held USCG licenses for carrying passengers for hire.

In addition to his parents, Mike is preceded in death by his aunt Mary and uncle Aubrey Filliaux.

He is survived by his wife, Ada Frances; sisters, Joanne Keene O'Meara and Lynn Keene Greaves; daughters Judith Ann Greene (James) and Kimberly Ann Kaestner (John); a son, Michael Joseph Keene and his wife, Carita; six grandchildren, Ashby, Christie, and John Kaestner, Jamie Greene, and Eleanora and Olivia Keene.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2012, from 6 – 8 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 S. Harrison St. in Easton. A funeral Liturgy will be celebrated on Monday, October 29, 2012, at

10 a.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 7906 Ocean Gateway in Easton. Interment with military honors will be private at the MD Veterans Cemetery Eastern Shore near Hurlock.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Diabetes Fund for Johns Hopkins Medicine, Dept. of Medicine Development, 5200 Eastern Ave., MFL Center Tower, Ste. 357 Baltimore, MD 21224 or Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, Maryland 21601

# Cemetery Details

## Maryland Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery

Hurlock, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location  
200 South Harrison Street  
Easton, MD 21601  
(410) 822-3131  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Service

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church Easton  
7906 Ocean Gateway  
Easton, MD 21601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harry Michael Keene*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Harry Michael Keene*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Harry Michael Keene*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Fran, we are so sorry for your loss. Our condolences to you and the family. We know he will be missed very much.*

Phyllis and Case Marsh - October 30, 2012 at 01:40 PM



“ *I would like to send my deepest sympathies at the loss of your loved one. Though I did not know your loved one, we all can understand why death is called an enemy. Jesus gave us a wonderful promise at John 5:28,29. I hope his words will provide a measure of comfort during this grievous time.*

*Thoughts and prayers for the family.*

Adrienne - October 30, 2012 at 10:40 AM

JD

“ Dear Fran, We want to extend our sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your husband. May the memories of the wonderful years you shared together somehow help to ease the pain. Know that our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Janet and Adrian Deroy

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**Janet Deroy** - October 30, 2012 at 09:10 AM

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“ Mike was a friend of my father-in-law (Capt Bill Hoxter) and I have heard many wonderful stories from my late husband (Jerry). The "boys" always had fun fishing and playing together and I remember the great friendship they shared. I'm sad that another of the old gang is gone.

*Trudy Hoxter*

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**Trudy Hoxter** - October 29, 2012 at 03:46 PM

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“ Dear Mrs. Keene, Judy, Kim, Mike and families,

*I am so saddened by your loss. Mr. Keene was a great Dad and a gracious, fun guy to have as my friend's father while I was growing up. I have many fond memories of him, and so appreciate his taking us fishing on the Bay so Hannah could experience catching rockfish! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very difficult time.*

*Ruth, Frank and Hannah.*

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**Dr. Ruth Yoash-Gantz** - October 29, 2012 at 08:34 AM

SM

“ Uncle Mike, you will always hold a very special place in my heart. I love you dearly and always will. Aunt Ada, Judy, Kim and Mike....although this is a difficult time, at least his suffering is over. And somehow I picture him and Daddy in a boat in Heaven, catching rock fish! Love you all. Sharon

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**Sharon Malecki** - October 28, 2012 at 10:07 AM

RG

“ Dear Mrs. Keene, Kim and Mike: Jean and I have had you all in our daily thoughts for several weeks, and are now saddened to send our deepest sympathy. However, we know you are very proud of your husband and father's life and way of living, his many accomplishments, and his legacy as patriarch of one of Talbot County's finest families - and hope those happy memories make this difficult time more bearable. With fondest regards, Jean and Bob Greenlee

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**Robert H. Greenlee** - October 27, 2012 at 09:35 PM

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“ We are extremely sorry for your loss, Mike was a good friend.  
Sandy & Rose Thompson and the crew from  
L.A. Thompson & Son.



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**Sandy Thompson** - October 27, 2012 at 11:02 AM