

Eldred "Mick" Keane, 84**Sept. 3, 1931 - Jan. 31, 2016**

PANAMA — Eldred "Mick" Keane was born on September 3, 1931 to Thomas and Matilda (Mairwald) Keane in Panama. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church where he remained a life-long member. He graduated from St. Mary's Catholic High School with the Class of 1949.

March 8, 1951, he enlisted in the United States Navy and was stationed in Hawaii. He received an honorable discharge on March 8, 1955 and returned to Panama to assist on the family farm.

April 4, 1956, Mick was united in marriage to Marilyn Schwery at St.

Mary's in Panama. They became parents to eleven children: Dick, Deb, Dave, Diane, Jerry, Jeff, Ron, Bob, Kathy, Karen, and T. J. After their marriage, they continued to farm the family farm outside of Panama. Mick was active in the American Legion of Panama and served as Legion Chaplain. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Earling Council No. 1741. He was active in the church and served on the Parish Council, the 4-H Extension Council, and he enjoyed playing cards with his friends. He was always the first to show up if any friend, neighbor, or family member needed a hand, showing his faith by his actions.

Everyone was always greeted with a smile by Mick; he was a man of integrity, preferred to lead by example, and found good in everyone. He gave unconditional love to his children and grandchildren and taught the meaning of respect, love, and friendship through his daily actions and devotion to his life-long love and wife, Marilyn. Mick died on Sunday, January 31, 2016 at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, having attained the age of eighty-four years, four months, and twenty-eight days.

Mick was preceded in death by his parents, sister Jean Schomer, brothers-in-law Mickey Schomer and Bill Goetz, sister-in-law Irmine Keane, nephews Mark Schomer and Mark Keane, and nieces Lisa Keane Schartz, Mary Lou Keane, and Jayne Goetz. He is survived by his wife of nearly sixty years, Marilyn Keane of Panama; children: Dick (Kathy) Keane of Panama, Deb (Paul) Dieter of Carroll, Dave (Marcene) Keane of Panama, Diane (Tom) Duschaneck of Council Bluffs, Jerry Keane of Panama, Jeff (Sheri) Keane of Omaha, NE, Ron Keane of Bloomington, IL, Bob (Kathy) Keane of Marion, Kathy (Mike) Joblinske of Waterloo, Karen (Jeremy) Kuhn of West Des Moines, and T. J. Keane of Panama; twenty-three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister Julie Goetz and brother Don Keane both of Panama; other family members and friends.

The 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. David Smith, S. J. with concelebrants Rev. Mike Peters, Rev. Paul Koch, Rev. Don Bruck, and Rev. Gene Koch on Friday, February 5, 2016 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Panama. Jodie Wingert accompanied vocalists Meg Kohles and Cindy Schwery. Serving as casket bearers were Matt Dieter, John Dieter, Paul Dieter, Tom Duschaneck, Mike Joblinske, Jeremy Kuhn, Michael Keane, and Hunter Keane. Military Rites were performed by Panama American Legion Post No. 601 at St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama.



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