



William J. O'Keefe

April 20, 1936 - September 27, 2024

William J. O'Keefe, beloved husband of the late Noreen O'Keefe, passed away peacefully on September 27, 2024. He was a devoted family man, cherished by all who knew him. William was the loving father of William J. T. (Donna) O'Keefe, Patricia E. (Ken) Figueroa, Kim O'Keefe, Dennis J. (Sherie) O'Keefe, and Karen O. (Robert) Bernard. He was a proud grandfather to William D. (Jessica) O'Keefe, Shawn (Juliette) O'Keefe, Brandon (Amber) Figueroa, Patrick (Taryn) O'Keefe, Emily (Ryan) Good, Matthew (Amanda) O'Keefe, Evan Bernard, Seth Bernard, Anthony Damm, and Viviana Damm. He was adored by his great-grandchildren, Nora, Emma, Lennon, Kendall, Theo, Charlotte, Kamdyn, Isabelle, Connell, Kinsley, and Kylie. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Affectionately known as "Papa Extra" by many, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren. William built a remarkable career with General Motors, rising to the ranks of being one of the company's top executives. His leadership and dedication to his work were an inspiration to many. Beyond his professional life, William found great joy in golf, spending time with family and friends at Red Run Country Club in Royal Oak, Michigan, and Coral Ridge Country Club in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. William's kindness, strength and unwavering love for his family and friends will be remembered by all. In lieu of flowers, donations in his honor may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society or Metavivor, Metastatic Breast Cancer Research, Support, and Awareness. William's legacy will live on in the hearts of those he touched and his memory

will forever bring comfort and joy. A memorial gathering will take place at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Rd. (3Blks. E. of Van Dyke) Utica, on Monday (September 30th) from 4pm - 8pm and continue on Tuesday (October 1st) from 4pm -8pm. A memorial service will take place on Wednesday (October 2nd) at 11am at the funeral home. Please share a memory of William on the Tribute Wall.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

SEP 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
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OCT 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

OCT 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a William J. O'Keefe Livestream in memory of William J. O'Keefe*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - October 02, 2024 at 08:05 AM



“ *From the Matus Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. O'Keefe.*

From the Matus Family - October 02, 2024 at 08:41 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William J. O'Keefe.*



October 02, 2024 at 08:41 AM



“ *Jacob L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. O'Keefe.*

Jacob L. - October 02, 2024 at 01:04 AM

TR

“ Tricia R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. O'Keefe.

Tricia R. - October 01, 2024 at 09:17 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William J. O'Keefe.



October 01, 2024 at 03:00 PM

SF

“ I am so sorry for your loss Kim and family.
May his memory be a blessing.
Sue Fershtman

Susan F Fershtman - September 30, 2024 at 10:00 AM

PW

“ As a community, I think we can all say that Mr. O'Keefe will be greatly missed. He was a pillar to his family and to the families of DeKeyser. My children were in preschool with Miss. O'Keefe and I can say, he raised one amazing daughter. May his memory live on and may he rest in peace. All our love and prayers for the family.

Plumbrook-Erika Weberman - September 30, 2024 at 09:04 AM

TG

“ *Tim and Kathy Good purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of William J. O'Keefe.*



Tim and Kathy Good - September 30, 2024 at 07:35 AM

PB

“ *Paul and Pat Bernard purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of William J. O'Keefe.*



Paul and Pat Bernard - September 29, 2024 at 04:46 PM

PB

“ *Paul and Pat Bernard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. O'Keefe.*

Paul and Pat Bernard - September 29, 2024 at 04:46 PM

LS

“ *Love, John, Jill and Rhett Senior planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. O'Keefe.*

Love, John, Jill and Rhett Senior - September 29, 2024 at 02:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William J. O'Keefe.*



September 29, 2024 at 02:48 PM



“ *Trina O. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William J. O'Keefe.*



Trina O. - September 29, 2024 at 12:12 PM



“ *Bill was a grandfather to so many children. Ms Okeefe introduced all of her students to her dad and he became a big part of their lives. They loved him and made gifts, cards, and pictures to show him they cared. Following him on Facebook has been a way for us to witness His big heart, sweet smile and love of family. He captured the heart of all of us and we will remember him forever!*



Kathleen Trombly - September 28, 2024 at 11:03 PM



“ *Peter DeLuca and Marcela Galindo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. O'Keefe.*

Peter DeLuca and Marcela Galindo - September 28, 2024 at 08:02 PM

PG

“ Peter DeLuca and Marcela Galindo purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of William J. O'Keefe.



Peter DeLuca and Marcela Galindo - September 28, 2024 at 08:02 PM

JT

“ Dennis and family, sorry for your loss. Our hearts and prayers are with you all.

John and Nancy Tatar - September 28, 2024 at 07:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William J. O'Keefe.



September 28, 2024 at 07:26 PM

SL

“ Shari L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. O'Keefe.

Shari L. - September 28, 2024 at 06:18 PM

EG

“ Bill and family, my condolences on your father's passing. May he R.I.P. and your memories of him be a blessing. 🙏📄

Eugene Groesbeck - September 28, 2024 at 05:38 PM