



## Walter L. Keaney Jr.

February 13, 1934 - March 31, 2026

Walter L. Keaney, Jr., 92, of Methuen, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at Merrimack Health in Methuen, surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband of the late Mary J. (Connor) Keaney.

Born in Lawrence on February 13, 1934, Walter was the son of the late Walter L. and Catherine L. (Jobe) Keaney. He graduated from Lawrence High School and went on to earn his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy from 1956-1957 aboard the USS Boston, where he was part of the early generation of sailors serving on one of the Navy's first guided missile cruisers during the Cold War era. Following his military service, Walter built a distinguished career as an engineer with Raytheon in Andover where he worked for more than 34 years until his retirement. Known for his intelligence, steady work ethic, and humility, he contributed to projects that supported national defense, though he rarely spoke of his accomplishments, preferring to let his work speak for itself.

Walter was a lifelong sports enthusiast and athlete who excelled in baseball and softball in his youth and young adult years and later enjoyed playing tennis and golf. He was a devoted fan of all New England sports teams but found his greatest joy in supporting his grandchildren at their youth and high school sporting events. A longtime member of the Lawrence British Club, he

valued community and camaraderie and always enjoyed a quick pickup game of pool or shuffleboard. Above all, he treasured summers spent at Seabrook Beach with his wife, Mary, and their family—memories that continue to bring comfort and warmth to his children.

Walter was a man of few words but strong values. He showed his love not through grand gestures, but through reliability, kindness, and willingness to help others whenever they were in need. Those who knew him will remember his steady presence, subtle sense of humor, and the deep care he had for his family and friends.

He is survived by his two children, Timothy J. Keaney and his wife, Lisa, of Methuen, and Julie C. Keaney of Fairfax, Vermont; his sister, Nancy Richmond and her husband, Richard, of Peabody, Massachusetts; two grandchildren, Annabella and Colby Keaney; and several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to honor and celebrate Walter's life during calling hours on Thursday, April 9, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Methuen Family Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence Street, Methuen, Massachusetts. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, April 10, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Monica Church, 212 Lawrence Street, Methuen. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery in Methuen.

Memorial contributions in Walter's memory may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation at [www.t2t.org](http://www.t2t.org). To share memories, offer words of comfort, or send an online condolence, please visit [www.methuenfh.com](http://www.methuenfh.com). Methuen Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the Keaney family.

# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood Cemetery

130 North Lowell Street  
Methuen, MA 01844

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

APR 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Methuen Family Funeral Home  
233 Lawrence Street  
Methuen, MA 01844  
(978) 687-7300  
<https://www.methuenfh.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 10. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Monica Parish  
212 Lawrence Street  
Methuen, MA 01844

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sisters: Emelissa Elizabeth Cristina purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Walter L. Keaney Jr..*



Sisters: Emelissa Elizabeth Cristina - April 09 at 09:11 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Walter L. Keaney Jr..*



April 08 at 07:53 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Walter L. Keaney Jr..*

April 08 at 07:53 AM

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“ *I have nothing but wonderful memories of “Terry” and his family as parishioners of St. Augustine Parish and later Good Counsel parish. He was a wonderful person, a good friend, and a fun tennis competitor. Be aware of my gratitude for his kindnesses as well as my prayers and remembrances. Fr Bill*

Fr. Bill Waters, OSA - April 04 at 11:34 AM

KD

“ Thinking of Mr. Keaney' with love and affection.  
💜 The family of Larry Halloran

kathy Delaney - April 03 at 08:59 PM

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“ Dear Walter, I hope the music is playing and you're dancing up a storm wherever you are! With love, Maria & Todd

Maria & Todd - April 03 at 01:16 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Walter L. Keaney Jr..



April 03 at 01:03 PM