



Maurice "Moe" O'Keefe

August 1, 1940 - March 12, 2024

Maurice (Moe) Thomas O'Keefe, 83, of Manteno, IL passed away surrounded by his family, on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

Moe was born on August 1, 1940 to Clarence and Mae O'Keefe in Sunfield, IL. He married Donna (Walden) Hamende in 1994.

He is survived by his wife, five sons: Bradley (Hope) O'Keefe, Brian (Kayla) O'Keefe, Matthew (Melissa) Hamende, Michael (Jenna) Hamende, Marc (Jennifer) Hamende, two daughters: Taresa Hart and Tonia (Louis) Morez. He is also survived by his brother-in-law Richard Walden, 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, special family friends Donna and Albert Howell, and his fire department family. He was preceded in death by his parents, twin sister, Maureen O'Keefe, and brothers: Patrick, Gerry, and Phillip O'Keefe.

Moe retired from Quaker Oats of Kankakee in 1995. He also served as a Manteno Police Officer. However, his true passion lay in the fire services. He was honored and proud to serve the Manteno Community Fire Protection District for over 63 years as a Firefighter, first full-time Fire Chief, Pension Trustee, and Fire District Trustee. He was president of the Kankakee Valley Fire Chiefs Association for many years and served on the Emergency Telephone System Board from 2002 to 2017.

Chief O'Keefe's commitment to excellence, and his larger-than-life presence have etched his legacy into the district's history. He will be missed by the entire Manteno community.

Per Moe's request, no funeral or memorial service will be held. If you would like to honor Moe, donations may be made to the Manteno Community Fire Protection District.

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Tribute Wall

VH

“ Vickie Hammond lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Moe" O'Keefe



Vickie Hammond - March 16, 2024 at 10:02 AM

HV

“ I served under Moe on both the fire and police departments back in the mid 70`s ..Had interesting adventures ...

Hank Vinson - March 16, 2024 at 09:53 AM

LS

“ LesKay Senesac lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Moe" O'Keefe



LesKay Senesac - March 15, 2024 at 09:04 PM

CJ

“ I was proud to call moe my friend. He was an avid supporter of the fire department and of the village of manteno. He was my "go to" guy in business. He was a fair person and would do anything to help anyone. He never wanted to be in the limelight, but he was definitely the reason many others were. Manteno will miss him. I will miss him too

Carol Johnson

Carol Johnson - March 15, 2024 at 08:49 PM

JB

“ JACQUE BROWN lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Moe" O'Keefe



JACQUE BROWN - March 15, 2024 at 08:09 PM



“ Moe was good friend to me and all who served under him with the Manteno Fire department. I also worked with him for 8 years on the Police Department and have many memories of our service together. You only know one person in your whole life like Maurice O'Keefe and I treasure our service together RIP MOE!

Merle Raymond - March 15, 2024 at 07:48 PM

DD

“ My thoughts & 🙏 go out to the family, friends.



Denise Delaney - March 15, 2024 at 04:36 PM

MN

“ Mike remembers him well. He was a very well liked and fair man. Mike's memories are from 1964 to 1970. We send our deepest sympathies to all of you and prayers for peace and comfort.



Mike and Joan Nelson - March 15, 2024 at 03:48 PM

JB

“ WHEN MY CHILDREN WERE GROWING UP WE LIVED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE O"KEEFE FAMILY THE CHILDREN HAD GREAT RESPECT FOR MAURICE THEY KNEW THAT THEY COULD ALWAYS RELY ON HIM TO PROTECT THEM SO DID WE AS PARENTS ALSO IF WE HAD A FIRE I CALLED HIM INSTEAD OF THE FIRE DEPT. AND HE WAS THER BEFORE I HUNG UP THE PHONE!! GREAT MRMORIES THAT HAVE LASTED!!MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY
JACQUE BROWN

JACQUE BROWN - March 15, 2024 at 03:41 PM

ML

“ *Mary LaMore lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Moe" O'Keefe*



Mary LaMore - March 15, 2024 at 02:24 PM

RH

“ *Renee Hoots lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Moe" O'Keefe*



Renee Hoots - March 15, 2024 at 12:24 PM

MF

“ *Michael Favors lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Moe" O'Keefe*



Michael Favors - March 15, 2024 at 11:21 AM