

Timothy L. O'Keefe

... decorated retired Army major

TEWKSBURY – Retired Army Maj. Timothy L. O'Keefe, 70, died Monday evening, July 21, at the Blaire House of Tewksbury, after a lengthy illness. He had been in residence at Blaire House for the past 10 days. He was the husband of Madeline F. (Mackey) O'Keefe, with whom he had celebrated a 45th-year wedding anniversary on April 26th.



He was born in Somerville Aug. 27, 1926, the son of the late Agnes (Mahoney) and Timothy L. O'Keefe Sr. he was raised in Ayer and Littleton, but had lived the greater part of his life in Tewksbury.

He began his military career in 1944, and served in numerous staff positions during his 22-year enlistment. During WWII, he saw action in the

Philippine Islands, and at the close of the war, served with occupation forces in Germany. He remained on active-duty status at the onset of the Korean War, and served in Hawaii as deputy adjutant general, with his last assignment as adjutant general during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged as a major on March 31, 1968.

Among many Army decorations and commendations, he was the recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, National Defense Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Occupation (Germany) Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. Since his military retirement, he had remained active in the V.F.W. Portsmouth Chapter, A.A.R.P., and the Reserved Army Officers Association. He was also a communicant of St. William's Church.

He is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Kevin M. and Diane (Moore) O'Keefe of Longwood, Fla., his twin daughters and two sons-in-law, Elizabeth "Betsy" and her husband William Schomburg of So. Boston, and Kathleen and her husband, Tewksbury Police D.A.R.E. Officer, Robert L. Westaway of Tewksbury; seven brothers and sisters, Eileen Iverson and John O'Keefe, both of Littleton, Joseph O'Keefe of Chelmsford, Francis and his wife Lorraine (McCarthy) O'Keefe of Billerica, Jane O'Keefe of Wyoming, Robert and his wife Susan O'Keefe of Westboro, and Mary Ellen and her husband William Sayles of Sudbury; eight brothers-in-law

and sisters-in-law, Rita and John Joyce Palm, Fla., Robert Mackey of Salem, R. and Mary (King) Mackey and William Elizabeth (Gallant) Mackey, all of Tewksbury; Marjorie and Paul DiManno of So. Boston; Lorraine and Richard Fornier of Malden; Layne Sr. of Tewksbury, Mary (Critch) of Chelsea; and eight grandchildren, Dr. Brian O'Keefe, Kerri, Erin, Katelin, and Westaway, Kelly and Ryan Schomburg numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.