



A Legacy of Love: The Story of Ray and Katharine Kane

It was important for Ray and Katie to leave Legacy gifts in their will to their favourite charities, including St. Joseph's Villa Foundation and it made them feel good knowing they were continuing to help others.

Ray and Katie Kane lived a life rooted in faith, compassion, and service. Together, they built not just a family, but a legacy—one that continues to touch lives and inspire those who walk in their footsteps.

Katie's calling to care for others led her to graduate with the Class of '52 from Hotel Dieu Hospital in Kingston. She soon moved to Hamilton, where she dedicated herself to nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital. Though she stepped away from full-time nursing in 1957 to raise her growing family, she never stopped caring—returning to home care and later volunteering at St. Joe's, the place she so dearly loved.

Raymond Kane was a man of extraordinary vision and tireless dedication. Deeply organized and always forward-thinking, Ray brought his creativity and strategic mind to every endeavor. As a long-standing member and chair of the St. Joseph's Villa Board, Ray was instrumental in launching and managing the development of the St. Joseph's Estates. With countless hours volunteered, he served as project manager for the initial build, ensuring every detail reflected the values he and Katie held dear. His involvement went further, playing a vital role in helping shape the Strategic Plan for the Health System—always with Plans B and C in his back pocket, just in case.

Together, Ray and Katie were pillars of their community. They were deeply committed members of St. Augustine's Parish and active supporters of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Whether it was through Katie's decades-long involvement in the Catholic

Women's League or Ray's hands-on leadership at the Villa, their lives were a testament to what it means to serve with humility and purpose.

Their love extended far beyond institutional walls—it lived in their family. Katie and Ray were loving parents to Elizabeth and Barbara, John and Angela they remained steadfast in love and faith. They found joy in their grandchildren and great-grandchild, instilling in them the same values of kindness, generosity, and service.

Elizabeth recalls how her parents lived the spirit of giving—not only through time and talent but through philanthropy. "Volunteer, volunteer, volunteer" could have been the Kane family motto, echoed through years of service and heartfelt acts. And even in their passing, Ray and Katie ensured their legacy would continue, providing not only for their family but also for the causes they held closest to their hearts. St. Joseph's Villa Foundation is privileged to be included.

Their story is not just one of a couple deeply in love, but of two souls devoted to building something greater than themselves. Their fingerprints are on the very foundation of St. Joseph's Villa and its mission—a mission they championed with quiet strength and unwavering faith.

Ray and Katie Kane leave behind a legacy of love, selflessness, and enduring impact. In honoring them, we also commit ourselves to carrying forward the light they so generously shared with all of us.

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