



Kane Jr., Captain John Clarence, U.S. Navy retired, died peacefully in his sleep October 11, 2005. He was in good health and active to the end, a consolation to those who mourn for him.

Captain Kane was born in 1922 in Ironwood, Michigan. At St. Ambrose High School, Sister Mary Aquinas, who taught science, coached track, and held a pilot's license, inspired him to advance his education. He attended Michigan Tech for a year and then won an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. He was commissioned in 1943 and flew blimps to protect convoys on the Atlantic. After World War II he earned a master's degree in aeronautical engineering from Cal Tech, became a Navy pilot and worked as a staff officer, with posts in California, Texas, New Jersey, North Carolina, Panama and Trinidad. His last Navy billet was at McDonnell Aircraft Co. where he supervised the production of 3,000 aircraft, mainly Phantom fighter jets.

Captain Kane retired from the Navy in 1968 and started several new careers. He was an executive at McDonnell Douglas, General Dynamics, and the Carlson Travel Company. In 1990 he became an active volunteer. Among many other positions, he was Chairman of S.C.O.R.E, which helps young businesses succeed, Commanding Officer of the Gateway Squadron, Secretary of the USNA Alumni Chapter in St. Louis, and Treasurer of the Naval Airship Association. He maintained an active tennis schedule all his life. Captain Kane leaves his wife of 61 years, Dorothy Browne Kane, formerly of East Orange, NJ, and four children: Mark, Des Moines, IA, Michaela Rodeno, Napa, CA, James, Virginia Beach, VA, and Elizabeth Kelsey, St. Louis. Captain Kane was pre-deceased by one son, David Kane of New Smyrna Beach, FL. Captain Kane had eight grandchildren: Cornelia Kane of Ft. Collins, CO; Lindsay, Shelby, and Holly Kane of New Smyrna Beach, FL; Kate and John Rodeno, of Napa, CA; Lauren Kane of Virginia Beach, VA, and Max Kelsey, of St. Louis. Captain Kane was an inspiration to his children, grandchildren and many friends and associates. He will be sorely missed. Services: A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 22 from 3pm to 5pm at Bopp Chapel in Kirkwood, MO.