John “Jack” G. Kane


John Galvin was born Feb. 5, 1935, in La Crosse, Wis., to William and Marie (Lehen) Kane. On July 11, 1959, he married Marlene M. Burke at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, La Crosse. This marriage was blessed with three children.

Jack graduated from Aquinas High School, La Crosse, and La Crosse State College. He obtained his Masters degree in education administration at Winona State University, Winona, and his Ph.D. from Oregon State University. He retired in 1996 as vice-president of student affairs and facility management at Winona State University. Jack served as interim president of WSU from 1988–89. In 1996, WSU Dining Center was renamed the Jack Kane Dining Center.

Jack officiated for 38 years for both high school and collegiate sports. He was an avid hunter and fisherman all his life. He was a member of Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Winona. He retired from the U.S. Army Reserves as a Colonel in 1995 after serving 37 years. Colonel Kane was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for Distinguished and Meritus Service.

He is survived by his wife, Marlene; a son Michael (Jacquie) Kane, Lilburn, Ga.; two daughters, Katherine (Stewart) Ballinger, Burnsville, Minn., and Julie (Michael) Kuebelbeck, Mesa, Ariz.; eight grandchildren, Christopher, Robert, Raeann and Steven Kane, Elijah, Isaiah and Samuel Ballinger, and Alissa Kuebelbeck; two sisters, Suzann (Robert) Balduzzi, Onalaska, Wis., and Patricia (Soo) Tan, California; and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2014, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Winona, with Msgr. Rev. Richard Colletti officiating. Interment will be at St. Mary’s Cemetery, Winona.

Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Memorials preferred to Alzheimer’s Association National Office, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, Ill., 60601 or Jack Kane Scholarship Fund at WSU, P.O. Box 5838, 175 West Mark St., Winona, Minn., 55987. Words of sympathy or remembrance may be left at www.fawcett-junkerfuneralhome.com. Services entrusted to Fawcett-Junker Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Winona, and Fountain City, Wis.