



William "Bill" Genest

June 17, 1937 - October 4, 2020

Exeter – William “Bill” Genest, 83, of Exeter, passed away on Sunday, October 4, 2020.

He was born in Manchester on June 17, 1937 a son of the late Arthur and Grace (Desrosiers) Genest. Raised in Manchester, he graduated from Bishop Bradley High School, Class of 1956. He loved his career, and was a proud member of Local 474 of the Brotherhood of Iron-Workers.

Bill was a celebrated athlete his entire life. He was inducted into the Queen City Athletic Hall of Fame and Manchester Catholic High School Athletic Hall of fame and later in life, won countless (50+) gold medals competing in the Senior Olympics. He was an avid Patriot’s fan. He also enjoyed golf, skiing, swimming, rollerblading and biking. He did not sit still very well, but most of all, he loved the beach and sun; after all he was "President" of the “Wall Nuts” at North Beach in Hampton for many years. Bill was quite the character, and lived life on his own terms, he was all about fun and hard work!

Surviving family members include his longtime partner, Diane King of Hampton; children, Stephen Genest of Manchester, Laura Genest-Balestreri of Weare and Catherine Genest-Kimpton of Londonderry; siblings, Arthur Genest of Bedford and Joanne Genest-Pelczarski of Manchester; grandchildren, Benjamin, Molly, Matthew, his wife Rachel, Amanda, her partner Ryan, Samuel and great grandchildren, Matthew and Hailey, and his nephew Jeffrey Genest.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, October 30, 2020 at North Beach in Hampton, one of Bill’s favorite places (Across the street from Cinnamon Rainbows Surf Company). All are welcome and please bring a chair and your favorite story and memories. WEATHER PERMITTING, please email his daughter Laura at smylmkr@comcast.net for updates.

Events

OCT **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM
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North Beach
920 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, NH, US, 03842

Comments



“ My sincere condolences to Bill's family. He was a long time neighbor & friend at the Exeter-Hampton Co-op, living across the street from me. He always had a friendly word for me and was always ready to assist if he could. He befriended my now late son and I think that he helped him to cope with his ailments, my son always spoke highly of him. I remember Bill could get a bit feisty when it came to ever changing park policies and would back down to no one. I remember that that almost any day unless it was snowing or raining, at some point of the day, Bill would be outside in his lounge chair, no shirt and in shorts & his beverage catching all the rays, I'd joke with him that he was giving George Hamilton a run for his money with his tan. Gonna miss you Bill, you'd always be there to help a friend in any way you could. Personally, I'll always remember that although you weren't feeling well yourself, you made sure to attend my son's Memorial service when he passed last year..hopefully he met you at the Gate.

Lloyd R. Metevier - October 15, 2020 at 01:55 PM



“ Laura, Cathy, Cousin Jeff,

On behalf of your family of friends within The New Hampshire Ski Club, we send sincere condolences to you and your family members at this time. May these few words give you comfort.

Hallowed Be Thy Name
Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on the snow,
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
When you awaked in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight:
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there, I did not die.

May the comfort of memories, keep forever the life of this special Dad, Uncle and Grandfather alive in your hearts forever. For you all are truly blessed to have had him apart of your lives.

Nancy KC - October 13, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Bill was a good Friend and will be missed by all.

William, Billy, "Wild Bill", to his fellow Classmates, Marine to a few.

Quotes from 1956 Year Book: "Robust with an infectious smile.

. Bills humor is carbonated under pressure."

"Outstanding achievement was scoring the two touchdowns which broke the Central "hex" in 1954."

Bill was an amazing athlete, a good friend, a class mate, a fellow Marine.

Farewell and I'll talk to you later. "Semper Fi"

Roger and Claudette

Roger Loos - October 12, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ Sorry to hear about your loss of a great guy Paul matineau call me on sat oct ten Bill was two years ahead of me and Paul but we looked up to Bill as a mentor and a good athlete again sorry for your loss of a true legend take lou kirouac

lou kirouac - October 10, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. Bill was a great athlete, fellow classmate, fellow teammate and fellow Marine. Always a smile on his face and always a wonderful attitude about life. I will miss seeing him at reunions. God Bless and Semper Fi.

Col. George Gaumont, USMC (Ret.)

George Gaumont - October 15, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ Bill,
Remember when you were on the "high iron " at the Manchester WWTP construction, you yelled Hey Jake!..Who the hell is that?..and I looked up and saw the "Marlboro Man
"...were you making an ad? Take care and watch your next step Make sure steel is well tied up There. RIP.

Jake and Pauline Parent

Jake and Pauline Parent - October 19, 2020 at 10:30 PM



“ Our little corner of the Universe is going to be a little less ebullient now that Bill is gone. Look up the meaning and I'll be surprised if his picture isn't there. Je me souviens,

Robert - November 03, 2020 at 01:12 PM



“ as a former iron worker I worked with Bill for years may you rest in peace!

ROBERT (RED)KElley - April 14 at 10:03 AM