



Arnold Vaughan Sanborn

December 30, 1939 - October 3, 2021

Rye - Arnold Vaughan Sanborn, 81, of Rye, NH, passed away peacefully on October 3, 2021. He was born in Washington D.C., December 30, 1939 son to the late Gertrude (Nares) and Arnold Foster Sanborn.

Vaughan, a Mayflower Descendant, was raised in Wilton, Maine and graduated from Wilton Academy in 1958. He graduated with a BS in Education from the University of Maine in 1964. Received his MBA in Finance from Northeastern University in 1979, and completed course work at Suffolk University Law School.

After a brief period as a math, science and English teacher, Vaughan joined the Liberty Mutual Group where he remained for 40 years in several administration executive management roles such as HR, Finance, and Procurement in both their Portsmouth office and Boston Corporate Headquarters.

Vaughan participated in numerous civic activities after his move from Andover to Rye in 1979. He served on the Board of Directors and as Chairman of the Board for the Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce. Similarly, he served on the boards of the Greater Seacoast United Way, the UNH Whittemore School Executive Board, and the United Ways of New England. He was a member of Abenaki Country Club and the Portsmouth Yacht Club.

Vaughan enjoyed downhill and cross country skiing; playing golf literally as often as possible; and dancing whenever and wherever he heard a good beat. He was a regular visitor to the gym, but only to ensure he could continue to enjoy his specialty; a perfectly cooked steak in his farmhouse fireplace with a dessert of vanilla ice cream smothered in chocolate sauce. Most of all he liked making friends—as well as strangers—laugh. He had a marvelous sense of humor.

In addition to his wife of 26 years, Elizabeth, Vaughan is survived by his son Daren Sanborn, daughter-in-law Heidi Sanborn, and granddaughter Marin Vaughan Sanborn of

Peoria, AZ; daughter Julie Vaughan Knight, son-in-law Derek Knight, and grandsons Cayden and Colby Knight of Epping, NH; daughter Elizabeth Townsend of South Portland, ME. When his kids were young, Vaughan loved coaching their youth sports. Vaughan was very proud of his children and grandchildren. He believed that each of them an individual - smart, curious, and talented. He never shied away from telling people their accomplishments.

Sitting on his deck or by his fireplace at home with Elizabeth, his loyal dog Logan, a glass of wine in hand and toasting the people he loved sums up the picture. He would want you to raise a glass in remembrance of him. Cheers to a loving husband, father, and friend. The disease may have taken away his cognitive abilities, but not his exuberance for life even at the end.

The family wish to extend a "Thank you" to Bellamy Fields Assisted Living in Dover for the wonderful, loving, and compassionate care and to Cornerstone VNA and Hospice for all their support. Vaughan will be laid to rest in a private ceremony in the Rye Central Cemetery. A "Celebration of Life" will be held at Abeniqui Country Club on Thursday, October 14th from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your local United Way.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **14**. 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Abenaqui Country Club
731 Central Road
Rye Beach, NH 03871

Tribute Wall



“ *Arnold Vaughan Sanborn*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Arnold Vaughan Sanborn.*



October 22, 2021 at 12:43 PM



“ *Love and hugs, Marilyn and Joe purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Arnold Vaughan Sanborn.*



Love and hugs, Marilyn and Joe - October 22, 2021 at 12:23 PM



“ *Elizabeth and Vaughn family, I hated to hear of Vaughn's passing and am sending love your way. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I remember watching Elizabeth and Vaughn dancing and seeing their laughter and their love. He was a wonderful, kind person who always made me feel special. Love you EQS and praying for your strength and peace.*
-Chantay

Chantay - October 21, 2021 at 08:56 AM



Thank you! We had lots of fun. He had a great run. Still following your success! Keep it up.

Elizabeth Sanborn - October 24, 2021 at 06:14 PM



“ *Vaughan was everything a human being should be, kind, funny, fun, a loving father and husband, a loving dog dad, truly a joy to be around. I will miss sharing stories on the 19th hole, his famous perfectly cooked steaks on the fireplace at the farm, and of course his martinis. Rest in peace dear Vaughan.*


Susan DuPlessis - October 14, 2021 at 02:32 PM

ES

Thank you. And, thanks for being with us for the COL. See you up north

Elizabeth Sanborn - October 24, 2021 at 06:15 PM

BM

“ *Vaughan and Elizabeth’s beautiful wedding, Mr. Rock n’Roll, Sunday River, The Farm, snowshoeing, skiing, biking in Sandwich, York, Newry, cribbage all night - friendship and love and laughter* 

brooks and mary - October 13, 2021 at 10:38 AM

RC

“ *Elizabeth.
So sorry for your loss.
We will miss him.
Regards
Richard & Judy Corey*

Richard Corey - October 12, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Arnold Vaughan Sanborn.*



October 11, 2021 at 10:04 PM

BS

“ *Played basketball with Vaughn back in the early 80's and golfed with him several times over the years. He had a gift for making other people feel good about themselves and was genuinely interested in others. He was truly one of the good guys. May he RIP and condolences to the family.*

Bill Schleyer - October 11, 2021 at 04:56 PM

ES

Thank you. He had a wonderful run.

Elizabeth Sanborn - October 24, 2021 at 06:18 PM

LS

“ *Laura Sagalski lit a candle in memory of Arnold Vaughan Sanborn*



Laura Sagalski - October 07, 2021 at 10:22 PM

LS

Elizabeth, I am so sorry to hear of Vaughan's passing. You and Vaughan and his family are in my thoughts and prayers!

Laura Sagalski - October 07, 2021 at 10:23 PM



Spoke his mind and had real opinions, kind and supportive, unflappable and confident, laid back and smart, always a great sense of humor. I know his next adventure will be a good one, he is doing all his favorite things and hitting that little white ball long and straight. Love to Elizabeth and may his story be told around the table for generations.

Cheri Bach - October 08, 2021 at 03:20 PM

MA

“ *So many years, so many memories. We've known Vaughn since we moved to Andover in 1973. He kept us entertained during the Blizzard of '78. Even after we all left Andover, we kept up our twice a year weekend get-togethers. Vaughn continued to brighten our lives and make us laugh. We will miss you dear friend. Love to Elizabeth, Daren, Julie, and their families. Marilyn and Joe Daly*

Marilyn - October 07, 2021 at 04:19 PM

SS

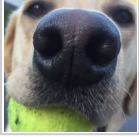
“ *So I served as a CEO of United Way organizations all over the country, but Portsmouth, NH was my favorite place of a 45 year career. Vaughan was a HUGE United Way supporter and I loved the work he did for United Way of the Greater Seacoast and then United Way of New England. Vaughan was dedicated, professional....but most of all FUN and his spirit was inspirational. We loved Vaughan.....Elizabeth, I'm thinking of you and his children, and hope to attend Vaughan's celebration of life on 10/14. I retired to Cape Cod in the summer of 2020 but will zip up to the Seacoast to honor a wonderful man! Love, Sue Suter*

Susan C D Suter - October 07, 2021 at 04:13 PM

NA

“ AV you were one of the funniest guys we knew. It's been years since we last saw you but there are so many great memories that John & I have of you. Elizabeth, Julie & Daren please know that our hearts are with you. Natalie & John B.

Natalie - October 07, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ A gracious and kind gentleman. Rest in Peace, Vaughan.

Tom Sedoric - October 07, 2021 at 07:58 AM



“ He was an amazing Dad, and I will miss him terribly.
-Julie

Julie Knight - October 06, 2021 at 10:03 PM

MP

“ Elizabeth, please accept my condolences on Vaughan's passing. I have many fond memories of time spent at Abenaqui over the years. God bless you, Vaughan and your family...

Mark Poirier

Mark Poirier - October 06, 2021 at 02:49 PM