



## Basil G. Dandison Jr.

June 5, 1936 - April 10, 2019

Stratham – Basil G. “Bo” Dandison, Jr., of Stratham, formerly of Yarmouthport and Lexington, died on April 10, 2019 from complications of Parkinson’s disease. Loving husband of Judy J. Dandison for over 50 years. Proud father of Mark E. Dandison and his wife, Diana Faust, and of Kristin J. Walsh and her husband, Charles Walsh. Devoted grandfather to Evonne J. Walsh.

Bo was born in 1936 to Basil G. Dandison and Minnie R. Dandison and spent his childhood in Newton Centre and later in Greenwich, CT. After graduation from Brunswick School in 1955, he received a B.A. in English from the University of Michigan in 1959 and then joined the Marine Corps as part of the PLC officer-in-training program, serving for three years in Okinawa and Parris Island.

Following in his father’s footsteps, he began a long and satisfying career in publishing in 1962, first as a “college traveler” in the Midwest and San Francisco Bay area, and later as acquisitions editor in electrical engineering for the College Textbook Division of McGraw-Hill Book Company in New York City. It was during those years that he met and married the love of his life, Judy. In 1970, he joined the College Division of Little, Brown and Company in Boston where he worked as economics editor before switching to the sales side of the business and serving as regional sales manager and national sales manager with responsibility for four regions and 40 sales reps. Admired for his

leadership ability and firm but friendly manner, he advised those who worked for him to “look a disgruntled professor in the eye, stand your ground, and make the sale.”

After 20 years with Little, Brown, Bo moved to Cape Cod where he and Judy ran a small bed-and-breakfast. He also worked as a tour guide and led groups across Cape Cod and the Islands, throughout New England, as well as to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, taking pains to learn the history of every place on the itinerary so he could add local color. His interest in history continued when he became president of the Historical Society of Old Yarmouth and founded a men’s book group devoted to history. While living on Cape Cod, Bo also became a Big Brother, was a member of the Unitarian Church of Barnstable, and enjoyed watercolor painting, especially of trees, flowers, and seagulls. In recent years as his Parkinson’s disease progressed, he and Judy relocated to Stratham, NH to be nearer to their children. Although not as active as he once was, Bo liked tending his backyard garden, taking rides along Rye beach, rooting for the Red Sox and the Patriots, going to exercise class, and watching his granddaughter grow.

In addition to his immediate family, Bo leaves behind two treasured older sisters, May Louise Paton and Chloe Nolan, as well as several nieces and nephews and their children. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Kathy Box, and her husband, Lon. Bo will be forever in our hearts because of his incredible generosity, warmth, humility, and loyalty to family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 1 to 3PM on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the Seacoast Science Center, 510 Ocean Boulevard, Rye Beach, NH 03870. The family invites all those who would like to share memories of Bo to attend. Donations in Bo’s name may be made to the Historical Society of Old Yarmouth, P.O. Box 11, Yarmouthport, MA 02675.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 1. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Seacoast Science Center  
510 Ocean Boulevard  
Rye Beach, NH 03870

# Tribute Wall



“ *Basil G. Dandison Jr.*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear of Bo's passing. I shared some memories of our sons growing up at Lexington High School, each playing in the Jazz Band and afterward, creating their own band. Bo was supportive and wonderful during these times. I am grateful to Bo and his fine example of Fatherhood. Blessings,  
Kathleen McLeod*



kathleen - May 03, 2019 at 07:07 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to read of Bo's passing. I worked with him as his trainer at Synergy a few years ago and he was always a pleasure to work with. He made me laugh regularly and was so proud of his family. My condolences to you all.*

*Shannon Ward*

Shannon - April 30, 2019 at 10:18 AM

TJ

“ Judy, Mark and Kristin,

*It is with great sadness that I send you all this message. I have so many memories of when we were neighbors on Boulder Rd. I especially remember the Easter egg hunt which Bo so skillfully organized and how kind he was to all the kids who often congregated over your way. Judy I had wanted to reach out to you since I had heard that Bo was not well. Unfortunately it all coincided with a difficult time in my life. Know you are very busy right now but would love to reconnect .*

*Please receive love and support from us at this sad and difficult time,*

*The Jacobsons*

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**Teresa Jacobson** - April 22, 2019 at 01:59 PM

GF

“ Dear Judy,

*I'm so sorry to hear of Bo's passing. My deepest sympathies. Bo hired me as a sales rep in Mpls. He lured me from Random House. With his great charm and good nature, how could I say no! I spent 6 years with Little Brown before moving on to Butterworth. We met occasionally after that to play tennis or to enjoy a cigar. He was one of the warmest most supportive people I have ever known - a great man.*

*Greg Franklin*

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**Gregory Franklin** - April 19, 2019 at 05:31 PM

JM

“ Dear Dandison Family,

*I am saddened to know of Basil's death. I remember him fondly as a fraternity brother at Michigan who shared my moral and loyalty values. I was 2 years ahead, but this encounter has endured.*

*Cordially,*

*James E Barger*



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**james e barger of Winchester MA** - April 18, 2019 at 01:31 PM

EP

“ Hello Judy and family:

*How sad to learn of Bo's death. He was a fine colleague at Little, Brown. I worked as an in-house sales manager with and for him, and took on many jobs relating to sales meetings and sales reps cars and budgets. He was always supportive, kind, often funny, and taught me a lot about marketing and publishing. I wish I had seen more of him after the College Division broke up but that was a very sad time for our family for other reasons. I hope you will send me details of his Memorial Service so that I may be able to attend.*

*Warm regards, Elizabeth Philipps*

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**Elizabeth N. Philipps** - April 17, 2019 at 03:37 PM

LB

“ I just heard of Bo’s passing and wanted to extend my deepest sympathies to his family. I left publishing 27 years ago to become a nurse but Bo was, hands down, the best part of working for Little Brown. His kindness, sense of humor and leadership inspired us all. A few years ago, I got together with a colleague from my Scott Foresman/Little Brown days and we both reminisced about Bo’s wonderful demeanor and the great experiences he provided to our team. If he is still missed by those of us who worked with him so long ago, I can only imagine the hole that his absence leaves for his wife and family. My heart goes out to you all.

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**Laurie Burnside** - April 17, 2019 at 12:18 PM