

Champ Soncrant

October 17, 1947 - March 21, 2025

Hampton - Champ Soncrant, a beloved figure in Hampton, New Hampshire (formerly of South Burlington, VT), passed away peacefully on March 21, 2025, at the age of 77. Born in Boston, Massachusetts, on October 17, 1947, Champ was the son of the late Harold and Marian (Atkins) Soncrant.

Raised in Dorchester and Dedham, Massachusetts, Champ graduated from Dedham High School in 1965. His athletic prowess, particularly in track and football, earned him recognition and induction into the Dedham High School Hall of Fame. After completing his high school education, Champ pursued a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting at Bentley University.

During his university years, Champ worked as a union ironworker, contributing to the construction of Boston's iconic skyline. However, inspired by his wife Joanne's encouragement, Champ transitioned to a career in academia. He joined the faculty at Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont, where he dedicated 41 years of his life to teaching accounting.

Champ's impact on the Champlain College community was profound. He was a popular figure among students, consistently filling lecture halls with eager learners for his 6 a.m. summer school classes. Beyond his teaching duties, Champ actively participated in faculty senate meetings, served as a track and field coach, and mentored numerous students.

One of Champ's most remarkable achievements was his involvement in the IRS VITA program. Through this program, he fostered meaningful connections between his classroom and the community by providing tax assistance to low-income citizens. Champ was honored to be named a Faculty Emeritus in 2021.

Though he took great pride in his work at Champlain, Champ's true passions lay outdoors. Champ and Joanne, avid skiers, chose to spend their early retirement years in Crested Butte, Colorado. There, they volunteered on the mountain's hospitality team and had easy access to their favorite trails. In the summers, they embarked on mountaineering adventures, most notably hiking through Nepal to reach the Mount Everest Base Camp. They also ventured into the French Alps to test their mountaineering skills. However, Champ's greatest love was golf, and he rarely played a bad round.

Champ's adventurous spirit, infectious laughter, captivating storytelling, and ability to find joy in every moment will be deeply missed. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Joanne, and their beloved dog, Luke. Champ shared a special bond with his numerous nieces and nephews and cherished friendships. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“*Champ was one of my very favorite professors at Champlain. He, along with Walt Luchini, made accounting my absolute favorite subject—something I never expected when I first started. Even though I graduated many years ago, I still think of them often. I’m deeply saddened to hear of Champ’s passing, and I will always be grateful for the knowledge, passion, and kindness he shared with his students. He made a lasting impact on my life.*”

Tina Lindberg - June 17, 2025 at 05:11 PM

CC

I agree. I am saddened by Champ's passing. He was also my favorite professor at Champlain and I had the priviledge of work as his admin from 1982-1984. He was the best and shaped my love of accounting and where I am today. RIP Champ.

Cindy Choquette - October 17, 2025 at 01:16 PM

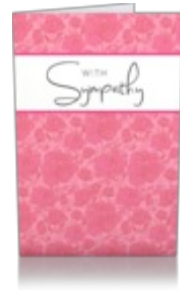
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“*Hearing the news that Champ has passed into spirit was stunning. He and Joanne are two of the most physically and mentally active people I have ever known. Champ exemplified "joie de vivre". He had great enthusiasm and a wicked sense of humor. As long as there are people on this earth who knew Champ, he will never be forgotten! Joanne, along with you and your family, I deeply mourn the loss of your life partner and best friend.*”

Deb Witter - April 08, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Champ Soncrant.



April 04, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ I found Accounting to be a very challenging subject and hate to admit that I had to take it a few times before I finally passed it. Guess who was the professor who got me to "cross the finish line"? Champ! He made a subject I found horribly challenging, interesting. He shined a light into every class and was interesting, fun, funny, and engaging. A truly inspirational professor who made an effort with each and every student, no matter their ability. What a great guy!

Sarah Soule - March 28, 2025 at 04:48 PM



“ Joanne, I am so sorry to hear of Champ's passing. From my very first day at Champlain 30+ years ago he was one of my favorite people. He always had that smile and that mischievous sparkle in his eye. He was always there to lend a hand with whatever crazy marketing gimmick we cooked up. I hope your memories lift you up during the hard days, and that when you close your eyes you can see that sparkle and hear his laugh.

Bridget Calacci - March 26, 2025 at 03:50 PM

NF

“ *Champ was the best professor I ever had! My condolences to his family, he will be deeply missed.*

-Nick Foss

Nick Foss - March 25, 2025 at 03:47 PM

SB

“ *To my friend Champ, you were always supportive to me and my family. I am so grateful to have known you as long as I did. I will miss our beer dates and sitting outside on your porch with your lovely wife Joanne . I will miss your great smile and strong laughter, but you will always be in my heart. Rest well, my friend and until we see each other again. Sincerely Steve Barrett.*

steve barrett - March 25, 2025 at 05:49 AM

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Fred O'Neill - March 24, 2025 at 07:42 PM

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Just one adventure after another!!!

Fred O'Neill - March 24, 2025 at 08:00 PM

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Fred O'Neill - March 24, 2025 at 07:05 PM

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Champ was truly a Vermont legend!!!

Fred O'Neill - March 24, 2025 at 07:58 PM

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Fred O'Neill - March 24, 2025 at 07:02 PM

SO

Awesome person. A good friend. He will be missed. 😭

Sue & Fred O'Neill - March 24, 2025 at 09:17 PM

DR

“ *Gil and I were so saddened to hear of Champs passing. We are thinking of you at this difficult time.*

David Ross-Lyons - March 24, 2025 at 06:55 PM

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Fred O'Neill - March 24, 2025 at 06:54 PM

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Champ and Blue...best buds.

Fred O'Neill - March 24, 2025 at 07:56 PM

DR

“ *Joanne- I send my love and prayers to you. The last time I saw Champ was at my mom's 80th bday party. We both shed tears, talking about my dad and how much he meant to us. I told him then- and this holds true now- you guys will always be family to us. I will miss Champ's light in this world.*
Deirdre Everts Raleigh

deirdre raleigh - March 24, 2025 at 03:25 PM

KK

“ *Joanne, Tom and I were deeply saddened to learn of Champ's passing. We remember his vibrancy, consistent good humor, and sense of adventure. This touching tribute underscores a life well lived with dedication and your shared life and love. -Tom Brocco and Kay Kennedy*

Kay Kennedy - March 24, 2025 at 03:13 PM

BR

“ *Joanne - I am so devastated to hear of Champ's passing. Such a wonderful man. I know he and dad are having a cold one and catching up. -Bridget Everts*

Bridget - March 24, 2025 at 01:11 PM

DM

*Joanne:
I was so sorry to hear about Champ!
You two had such a special relationship! Last time I saw you both was at the PINEHILLS when you were visiting John and Trish.
Thinking of you at this difficult time time. 💕💔Debbie McNamara (the other DebGlennons friend)*

Deb McNamara - March 25, 2025 at 06:29 AM