



## William J. Barraclough

December 14, 1940 - July 29, 2016

Seabrook Beach, NH – William J. “Bill” Barraclough, 75, of Seabrook Beach, formerly of Bradford, Mass., died peacefully, Friday, July 29, 2016 at his home, surrounded by family and friends.

He was born December 14, 1940 a son of the late Clarence and Abigail (McGrogan) Barraclough.

Raised in Lawrence, he graduated from Lawrence High School with the Class of 1958 where he excelled in football as a right guard and was a member of the Class A State Championship Teams in 1957 and 1958; the 1957 team went on to play in the Orange Bowl in Miami, FL.

Bill graduated from Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky and went on to serve in the Peace Corps from 1964 to 1966 in Liberia, West Africa being the second group to serve overseas. After his marriage to the love of his life in 1969 to Elizabeth “Bet” Maguire, they made their home in Nassau, Bahamas where he taught math at the high school level for 11 years. While residing in the Bahamas, he was active in the Baillou Rugby Club where he played the position of wing forward and was also a member of the Baillou Soccer Club.

Upon returning to New England, he was employed in the private sector until his retirement.

Bill was very spiritual and a gentleman and a gentle man. He was a daily communicant of mass wherever he resided and while being a longtime resident of Bradford, Mass, was a communicant of Sacred Hearts Parish, where he was a past president of the Sacred Hearts Conference St. Vincent DePaul Society. He was also what he considered a "bean counter," counting up the collections from the previous Sunday each Monday with special friends for several years. He was a member of the Holy Spirit Conference of Lantana, FL., served as vice president of the Greater Lawrence District Council and was a past president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians District 1 Newburyport and a former Irishman of the Year.

He loved traveling and made his travels explorations, going to Europe, South America, China, Hong Kong, camping on the Amazon and a visit to Antarctica. He visited six continents in his lifetime. He was also a member of the Bradford Outdoorsmen. A longtime summer resident of Seabrook Beach he made his home here year round in 2006 coming from Bradford. Bill was committed to family and community and more recently to St. Patrick Church at Hampton Beach and St. Elizabeth Church in Seabrook Beach.

He shared 47 years of marriage with his wife, Elizabeth "Bet" (Maguire) Barraclough. In addition to his wife he leaves his daughter, Bronya Barraclough of Boston, Mass., his sister, Maryann Barraclough of Seabrook, a niece and several nephews including Jeffrey and Paul Barraclough.

He was predeceased by his brother, Edward Barraclough.

A visiting hour will be held from 9 A.M. to 10 A.M., Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at St. Elizabeth Church, Route 1A & Lowell Street, Seabrook Beach followed immediately by a mass of Christian burial at 10 A.M. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Vincent DePaul

Society, 48 South Chestnut Street, Bradford, MA 01835. Arrangements are by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton.

# Previous Events

## Gathering

AUG 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Church  
1 Lowell Street  
Seabrook Beach, NH 03874

## Funeral Mass

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Church  
1 Lowell Street  
Seabrook Beach, NH 03874

# Tribute Wall



“ *William J. Barraclough*

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September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Hey Willi:*

*We will dearly miss you, friend, and we will always cherish our relationship, friendship and memories with and of you. Our times together for the past fifty-six years have been filled with fond memories and good times. Our time together at Murray State and subsequently our annual get-togethers is a testament of our friendship.*

*We will always hold you in our thoughts and hearts while valuing our friendship and relationship and remembering you as “Willi” and our esteemed “pathfinder”.*

*Walter, Marv, Don and Joe*

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**Joe Vey** - August 13, 2016 at 05:00 PM



“ *To Bet and Bronya , I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you. Big Bill, as I called him on our many summer trips on the Saco, will be fondly remembered! Xo*

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**Rich Drummond** - August 05, 2016 at 09:31 AM



“ *We are so sorry . Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Santo and Barbara Bonaccorso*

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**santo Bonaccorso** - August 05, 2016 at 07:49 AM

LB

“ *Bet & Bronya,*

*Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.*

*Love,*

*Linda Beauregard*

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**Linda Beauregard** - August 01, 2016 at 03:44 PM

GA

“ *Bill was a teacher of mine. He was my favorite of all time. I knew he moved to the Bahamas and did not realized he was back in the area. He was the best. So calm cool and so handsome enough to make a young girls heart melt. To the family may your life with him bring smiles to your face each day forward.*



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**Gail Allain** - August 01, 2016 at 03:15 PM

RY

“ *To my aunt Bet and cousin Bronya - I am sorry for your loss. I wish you peace and kindness. My many happy memories of Seabrook beach would not be the same without your family. I wish you much joy again soon.*

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**Ryan** - August 01, 2016 at 02:42 PM

NM

*I happened to tell Ryan that I read this on facebook today.*

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**nancy maguire mundy** - August 01, 2016 at 09:09 PM

CC

“ *Never enough time to do the things we want to do. We will miss you dearly.*

*Our Deepest Sympathy to Bet and the Family!*

*Love, Charlie and Carol*

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**Carol Carroll** - August 01, 2016 at 10:49 AM

GC

“ *Wild Bill as I called him was a dear friend of mine and my late wife Fran. We have had wonderful times with Bill and Bet on trips to China and the Carribean plus great fun times in the summer in Seabrook and winters in Palm Beach. Bill was always kind, thoughtful and lots of fun. I will miss his firm handshake, smile and kiss on the cheek. He will be solely missed by all. Say hello to Fran Bill. Love, Gary Sparky Chadwick*

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**Gary Sparky Chadwick** - August 01, 2016 at 09:29 AM

JD

“ *My sympathy for the Family and his many friends.  
Home health aid  
Joe*

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**Joseph Dubois** - August 01, 2016 at 09:27 AM

JB

“ *My deepest sympathies for a great guy who devoted so much to the community.  
Joe Bevilacqua*

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**Joe Bevilacqua** - August 01, 2016 at 09:08 AM