



William E. Cone Jr.

April 24, 2025

Hampton - William Edwin Cone Jr., age 85, of Hampton, NH and Naples, FL, died at home, on Thursday, April 24, 2025, after a cancer reoccurrence.

Bill's happy place was spending time on the various boats he owned throughout his life, many of them named the Sugar Cone. He taught countless friends and family how to water ski. He was patient and encouraging. In retirement years, he was the captain of his pontoon boat heading out to Keewaydin Island for picnics and gathering shells. Another lifelong passion was playing cards. His parents were avid card players, and he followed suit. He felt every day was a good day to play bridge, pinochle, or whist. He enjoyed the laughter and good-natured rivalry with friends around the table.

Bill was a pioneer in the IT industry, running one of the early generation IBM computers in the late 1960's. He was very proud of this accomplishment and spent his entire 38-year career at Sprague Electric (later Vishay). His problem-solving abilities were also evident around the house. Bill was Mr. Fix-it and was always willing to lend a hand or share his knowledge.

Bill is survived by his wife and love of his life, Lynn Stengl Cone. They both grew up in Dalton, MA and attended school together starting in the 1st grade. They became high school sweethearts and enjoyed 63 years of marriage. He is also survived by his two children, Nadine Guerin and husband Chaz,

William Cone III and wife Melanie, his brother, James Cone and wife Lori, his five grandchildren, Melanie Guerin Uher and husband Nate, Matthew Guerin and fiancé Olivia, William IV, Benjamin, and Martin Cone, and his great-grandson Elliot Uher. Bill loved his family with all his heart and was known for giving the very best hugs.

His best friend and cousin, Jack Gaudette, preceded Bill in death. They were like brothers, joining the Army National Guard at the same time. Their families enjoyed camping, snowmobiling, boating and bowling together.

A Celebration Of Life will be held on May 23, 2025, at 11am at The Old Salt, 490 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH. Brunch will be served. For planning purposes, please RSVP to nadine@snowflakesoft.com if you can join us. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Vincent DePaul of Hampton, 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton NH 03842 or to the Hampton Community Coalition, 200 High Street, Hampton, NH 03842.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Old Salt Restaurant
490 Lafayette Road
Hampton, NH 03842
<http://www.oldsaltnh.com>

Please RSVP to nadine@snowflakesoft.com

Tribute Wall

TC

“ Hi Lynn, Nadine, & Bill,

I'm so sorry to read of Bill's passing. I remember the good times we had together many years ago, snowmobiling, camping and traveling by train with my Aunt to FL to Hollis' sisters home. We always had a great time. Bill was a caring, fun person. He and Hollis working together at Sprague Electric. Hollis passed away as well. It will be a year ago on Father's Day. He had MS for many years. Now, Darren has it. Deanna is doing ok. Just want you to know we're sending our condolences to all of you. Would love to talk to you.



Toni Cochran - May 28, 2025 at 10:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William E. Cone Jr..

May 22, 2025 at 09:43 PM



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May 16, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William E. Cone Jr..*



May 16, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to learn of Bill's passing.*

I was very close to the Cones during my formative years, with both Lynn and Bill oftentimes feeling like second parents to me.

I remember when Bill purchased his first snowmobile (a red and white Yamaha, circa 1969 or so), the "ski boat" he had during that same era, his new green 1969 Olds Cutlass convertible, the summer they spent living on Francis Island, the 4th of July picnics at the Cone's place on Cheshire Road and all the fun we shared with snowmobiles, camping and fishing.

During my dad's final years, Bill would frequently call to keep in touch and discuss a variety of topics with him. I still recall my dad telling me how much that meant to him.

- "Bobby" Angeli

Bobby Angeli - April 27, 2025 at 02:56 PM

JM

“ Lynn, Nadine, and family — so sorry to hear of Bill’s passing. It sounds like he lived life well and enjoyed making it pleasurable for others. I hope that your many fond memories will help you get through this difficult time.

Jennifer Munro - April 26, 2025 at 07:36 PM

SS

“ Dear Lynn, Bill JR., Nicole, And the entire family,
We are so very sad to learn of Bills" passing. A most kind and thoughtful person, we considered bill's friendship through all these many years a wonderful gift that we somehow has fall into our life back in the day ! The good times and laughter as well as the family issues we shared through our long years of sharing times together, will always be among our special memories. Please know for certain that we will have each and everyone of you along with dearest Bill in our thoughts & prayers throughout these next difficult days/months. Lynn, please feel free to call if you feel the need to talk, at any time. Love to you. Sharon & Ray Shogry Naples, FL.

Sharon Shogry - April 26, 2025 at 04:49 PM

CF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. He lived a long life, may your many special memories bring your family comfort. Miss you, thinking of you.

Carole Filiault - April 26, 2025 at 03:39 PM

MA

“ I was so sad to hear about your loss. Bill was a sweet, kind, and caring friend over the years. My deepest sympathy, love, and prayers to you and your family during this difficult time. Please know that I am here for you if you need me.

Love,
Mae

Mae Atter - April 26, 2025 at 02:49 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of William E. Cone Jr..



April 26, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ We want to express our deepest sympathy to the Cone family at the loss of the greatest friend anyone could ask for. Bill was always there for everyone and loved being around our family. He was our best friend, and life is not the same without him and never will be. Love you so much Bill.

Audrey and PJ

Gerald Beaudoin - April 26, 2025 at 01:09 PM

CA

Dear Lynn,
Thinking of you and your family during this sorrowful time.
May fond memories of your life with Bill help to sustain all of you.
May he rest in peace.
Celia (Peewee) Albert

Celia Albert - May 15, 2025 at 09:14 PM

JB

“ *A kind and generous man, a friend to all who knew him. Fond memories of our time with him and Lynn on the pontoon. Our love and condolences to the family. Jean and John*

Jean Barry - April 26, 2025 at 01:07 PM