



William G. DeFranzo

April 15, 1947 - July 31, 2016

Hampton -William G. DeFranzo Jr., 69, of Hampton, passed away peacefully Sunday, July 31st after a brief and courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in Medford, MA to William G. DeFranzo Sr. and Elizabeth H. Langone on April 15th, 1947. He was raised in Somerville, MA along with his sister Marie. Sunday dinners were spent at Lincoln Street surrounded by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Bill made the move to Hampton in 1979 with his former wife Sheila where they raised their children.

Bill's early education began at the Little Flower School and later became a double eagle graduate from both Boston College High School, 1965 and Boston College, 1969. He later earned his Master's degree from Babson College in 1981.

He was an ROTC member and U.S. Army veteran. Upon honorable discharge, he joined the Liberty Mutual Insurance team, retiring after 43 years as a Senior Systems Analyst.

They say, "He who dies with the most toys wins." Bill sure wins. An avid master collector, he spans a 20 year career as a column writer and pricing specialist for Non-Sport Update. He never gave up the opportunity to visit a card show or a flea market. In addition, he spent many hours as a volunteer

for the Red Cross, becoming Seacoast Chapter Chairman and was a regular volunteer for the NHSPCA. Upon retirement, Bill enjoyed traveling to places like Italy, Alaska as well as many trips to Chicago to visit his beloved grandson.

He is survived by his daughters, Lauren M. DeFranzo of South Boston, MA, Susan E. Wyse and her husband Derek of Newmarket; his son David W. DeFranzo and his wife Rebecca E. Tracy of St. Charles, IL; his grandson William M. DeFranzo, also of St. Charles; sister Marie C. Santamaria of Somerville, MA, and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors. He also leaves behind his four-legged companion, Basil.

Visiting hours will be held from 4 - 7 PM on Thursday, August 4, 2016 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 AM on Friday, August 5, 2016 at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the New Hampshire SPCA, PO Box 196, Stratham, NH 03885 or Boston Children's Hospital Trust, 401 Park Drive, Suite 602, Boston, MA 02215; two charities Bill loved dearly.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
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Funeral Mass

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church
289 Lafayette Road
Hampton, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *William G. DeFranzo*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *I am so sorry to have missed memorial services for Bill: I was travelling last week and didn't see his obituary in the Portsmouth Herald until my return. I'm so sorry for your loss, and I wanted you to know that Bill was very important to me early on in my 25-year career at Liberty Mutual. He was my Systems Manager when I was a relatively new Systems Analyst in the late 1980's. He was certainly one of the brightest, most professional, and caring people I have ever worked with. Bill was always available for career advice and for discussion of innovative approaches to solving work problems. In addition to being a computer science teacher outside of work, he was also an informal teacher to many of us fortunate to work closely with him at Liberty. It was a great pleasure to work with him. Wayne Bailey*

Wayne Bailey - August 09, 2016 at 10:01 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Bill at Liberty Mutual. He was a wonderful family man who always had a good story to tell and was generous in sharing his knowledge.
Sorry for your loss,
Karen Kelley*

Karen Kelley - August 05, 2016 at 07:43 AM

ST

“ We will miss Billy very much. We enjoyed getting together with Billy at family functions. He always had a smile on his face and was such a great person. With all our love and deepest sympathy - his cousins - The Guelpas and the Thistles

Sandra Guelpa and Paula Thistle - August 04, 2016 at 01:38 PM

BC

“ Lauren, Susan, David and DeFranzo Family - I am sorry sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of working with Bill for numerous years at Liberty Mutual. If I needed math help, he was my "go-to" person. I shared many laughs, lunch time walks, and business trips with him, and saw first hand his compassion and love of your family. In addition, I watched him joyfully win a yearly Christmas swap with his unique cookie creations (that I know Susan helped with..)

May the many memories and traditions that Bill left you sustain your family in the days to come. - Betty Cunningham

Betty Cunningham - August 04, 2016 at 01:06 PM

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“ Our Warmest Condolences, The McMahon Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William G. DeFranzo.



Our Warmest Condolences, The McMahon Family - August 04, 2016 at 09:37 AM



“ 202 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - August 04, 2016 at 08:48 AM

SP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Steven Previte - August 03, 2016 at 09:28 PM

BJ

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Bill's untimely passing. I worked with him for many years at Liberty and always thought him to be intellectual, funny and very very sweet. I've had the pleasure to know Susan as well and send my deepest condolences to her and the rest of the family.*

Beth Jefferson

Beth Jefferson - August 03, 2016 at 04:27 PM

MB

“ Mike Caswell & Cheryl Beauchamp purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William G. DeFranzo.



Mike Caswell & Cheryl Beauchamp - August 03, 2016 at 12:54 PM

SD

“ Sarah and Kerry Donahue purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William G. DeFranzo.



Sarah and Kerry Donahue - August 02, 2016 at 11:38 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of William G. DeFranzo.



August 02, 2016 at 06:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William G. DeFranzo.



August 02, 2016 at 02:43 PM

SN

“ Lauren, Susan, and David, I am so sorry for your loss. I did not know your dad but have read about what a great father you had. May your memories give you much comfort. Love, snudd

Sheila Nudd - August 02, 2016 at 02:40 PM

TT

“ The "Virginia" branch of the Thompson Family Tree purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of William G. DeFranzo.



The "Virginia" branch of the Thompson Family Tree - August 02, 2016 at 02:30 PM

TF

“ The Field Family lit a candle in memory of William G. DeFranzo



The Field Family - August 02, 2016 at 01:18 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William G. DeFranzo.



August 02, 2016 at 12:32 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William G. DeFranzo.*



August 02, 2016 at 10:12 AM



“ *The Clouthier Family lit a candle in memory of William G. DeFranzo*



The Clouthier Family - August 02, 2016 at 09:14 AM



“ *Holly lit a candle in memory of William G. DeFranzo*



Holly - August 02, 2016 at 04:41 AM



“ *Love and comfort to Bill's family and friends. A sad time for those of us who knew this fine friend.-Linda and John George*

Linda George - August 01, 2016 at 07:06 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of William G. DeFranzo.*



August 01, 2016 at 04:17 PM



“ *I met Bill at an SPCA presentation that we both volunteered for. He was a kind person whom I enjoyed talking to...a gentleman...and he had a good sense of humor. He left too soon and will be missed. My heartfelt condolences to his family.*



Barb Johns and family

Barbara Johns - August 01, 2016 at 02:13 PM