



William D. French

February 16, 1936 - March 24, 2019

Hampton – William Donald French, 83, of Hampton, passed away suddenly at his home on Sunday, March 24, 2019. Bill was born in Saugus, MA on February 16, 1936 to the late Earle M. and Mabel T. (Harding) French. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of nearly 50 years, Rachel A. (Iverson) French who passed in 2015.

He was a proud veteran who served his country honorably with the United States Air Force and the United States Marine Corps. He spent time working in the private sector and eventually landed as a welder at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for over 25 years. He retired from federal service in 1996 with Rachel following several years later.

During their retirement years, they enjoyed traveling, camping, country fairs, the seacoast beaches and of course spending time with their beloved grandchildren and their golden retriever, Missy. They often made the trip up to Fryeburg, Maine in the fall for the annual Fryeburg Fair, amongst other local fairs throughout southern New Hampshire. They loved the seacoast community and its proximity to the mountains, the coast and all the sights it had to offer.

Without a doubt, watching and following New England sports teams were one of his favorite past times, being a Celtics, Red Sox, Patriots and Bruins fan.

Bill had a kind soul and wonderful sense of humor and always had a smile on his face. He enjoyed being at home with a good book or completing the daily crossword puzzle, while soaking up some sunshine in the backyard.

He is survived by his son, James H. French, his wife Heidi of Portsmouth and their children Candace and Danielle French, his daughter, Beverly Bell, her husband Kenneth of Nottingham and their children, Chelsey, Kenneth and his wife Samantha, Gregory and Jordan Bell as well as his two great grandchildren.

Services for Bill will be private. Arrangements are by Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, Hampton. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Granite State YMCA (<https://www.graniteymca.org>) locations/seacoast.

Cemetery Details

High Street Cemetery

150 High Street
Hampton, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *William D. French*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Worked many yrs. With Bill in X26 welders in X26- tin shop. Always a smile and a can do attitude. I will miss him.*

Paul "DOC" Dachsteiner - April 06, 2019 at 01:33 PM



“ *lived across from us for the last 35 years,always waved when getting his paper,we work at Hannaford he always say hi,will miss him,the mosher*

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