



William R. Kelson

March 20, 2017 - July 18, 2017

North Hampton – William R. “Bill” Kelson, 87, of North Hampton, was called home by the Lord July 18, 2017. Bill died at Portsmouth Regional Hospital due to smoke inhalation from a fire at his residence that same day.

He was born March 20, 1930 in Everett, Mass., named Frederick Robert Fram to the late Thomas and Clarice Fram. Bill’s name was changed to William Robert Kelson by his adoptive parents, the late Ernest and Bessie (Hannington) Kelson.

Bill spent his childhood in Everett, Mass., Houston, TX, Staten Island, NY and Georgetown, Mass. He attended Staunton Military Academy in Staunton, VA. He made his home in North Hampton since the early 1980’s coming from Hampton Falls where he resided for ten years and prior to this lived in Newburyport, Mass.

Bill was a successful antique appraiser and dealer, part time carpenter, and was fond of anything historic and had a love collecting all things old. He enjoyed investigating and learning the origin of classic pieces. He made contributions to the community in his years, including donating to local historic landmarks.

He also enjoyed driving high performance and minimally produced cars and

was the owner of, among others, a Ford Thunderbird convertible, a Volkswagen Thing, a GMC Typhoon and a Jeep Cherokee SRT.

He loved New England and the fall foliage and great history of the Northeast. He will be missed dearly for his gentle manners, sense of humor and his love collecting all things old.

In addition to his birth and adoptive parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Lloyd Arthur Fram, William Hannington Fram, and Lionel Ernest Fram.

He leaves his sister, Elizabeth (Fram) Brooks, numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

After cremation, a private graveside service will be held in Shediac, New Brunswick, Canada. Arrangements are by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton

Tribute Wall



“ *William R. Kelson*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Terry Fittante lit a candle in memory of William R. Kelson*



Terry Fittante - July 27, 2017 at 02:25 PM



Your now in heaven having lunch with your best hygienist & friend Nancy!! Give her a big hug when you see her & Dr. Roper

Terry Fittante - July 27, 2017 at 02:26 PM



“ *Robert Mawson lit a candle in memory of William R. Kelson*



robert mawson - July 24, 2017 at 05:00 PM

JC

“ Oh, the fun we had with Bill...going to concerts, plays, fine dining and special events. Bill was truly a Renaissance man, cultured, intelligent and always game for an adventure. Bill's intellect and knowledge in the antique and art world was astounding. Bill's obituary really captured the essence of who he was. Rest in peace, friend.
Peter and Judy Curtis

Judy Curtis - July 23, 2017 at 07:35 PM

LL

I'm so very sorry to learn of Bill's passing. I always say a prayer when I hear sirens and little did I know I was praying for Bill. I loved to hear him talk, something about his pronunciation. I envied all his fur coats and loved that crazy "Thyng" when he had the top down. Rest in peace gentle soul. My sympathies to the family.

Laurel Lent - July 24, 2017 at 11:04 AM

TH

“ I met Bill back around 1993. It was always a pleasure to visit with him and listen to his stories. He had a great sense of humor and was truly a good man! We had many lunches and great laughs. He will be missed by many.

*RIP
Terri Hemeon*



Terri Hemeon - July 23, 2017 at 02:46 PM

ML

“ I will miss our long talks over supper when you would come in Golden Garden. Giving you hell for walking up in a snow storm in dark closes. You were a great story teller, I learned a lot about you as a great antique collector. Best memory taking you to the Old Salt 80 th. birthday. How you loved the lobster dinner and the dessert. Rest in Peace my friend.

Mary

mary lambert - July 23, 2017 at 02:29 PM



“ Many fond memories of Bill, a very dear friend to my brother Michael and my mother.. He never missed my Christmas party, always showed up with Sanborn's candy. He will be missed. Rest easy dear friend.

The Lancaster/Bennett families

Marcia Lancaster - July 23, 2017 at 09:42 AM

A.

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one and offer my sincere condolences. May you be comforted by fond memories and by knowing God cares (1 Peter 5:7)

A.H. - July 23, 2017 at 09:13 AM

MI

“ My dearest friend Bill. It's the little things I'll remember, the quiet moments, the smiles, the laughter. There are special people in our lives who never leave us... Even after they are gone. Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words and will be missed beyond measure.

Michael - July 22, 2017 at 02:21 PM