



William Joseph McDermott

September 8, 1951 - February 10, 2022

Rye - William J. McDermott, of Rye and Intervale, NH, and formerly of North Andover, MA passed away peacefully on February 10th at Harmony Homes by the Bay in Durham, NH after several years of declining health with his loving family by his side. Bill was born in Lowell, MA on September 8th, 1951. He attended Lowell public schools and went to McIntosh School of Business where he received his associates degree. He then went on to the University of Lowell to study business. During college he was hired by the Raytheon Company. After a successful 39-year career, he retired early.

Bill was fondly known as “Fuzzy” by family and close friends. He met his wife, Mary Ellen Fennessy, through one of his Lowell buddies while sailing in Marblehead in 1990. They married in 1992, lived in Marblehead then built a home in No. Andover in 1994. Their son, Patrick, arrived in 1997, and they both often said it was the greatest thing that ever happened to them.

Bill was a true family man. He loved his family. He cared for his parents, helped Mary Ellen with her mom and just loved being Patrick’s dad. He loved all the holidays, as well as family, and friend gatherings, especially the football parties. His most favorite times were attending all of Patrick’s sporting events, fishing and boating with him, and all the winters spent up in Intervale, NH. Initially teaching Patrick to ski he quickly realized Cranmore Mountain Ski School could do a better job. That they did, and Patrick started racing. Fuzzy

loved taking Patrick to all his alpine races and being a race worker until he could no longer. Fuzzy so enjoyed all the camaraderie and wonderful friendships formed at Cranmore. The Intervale home was his happy place.

Fuzzy was a true gentleman and lived by example teaching Patrick all he could about life, boating and cars. He loved cars and could tell you the make, model, and year of any older car he would spot on the road. He was a quiet, reserved, caring, kind, generous gentleman loved and respected by all who knew him. He was an observer and a wonderful judge of character. He as a great friend always willing to lend a helping hand. A perfectionist through and through paying attention to every detail.

Bill was pre-deceased by his parents Henry and Emily McDermott; his sister and brother in-law Carol and Kevin Smith, his brothers in-laws, Warren Griffin and Jay Sabolauskas; and his sister in-law Eileen P. Fennessy.

He is survived by his wife Mary Ellen Fennessy, and his son Patrick McDermott, of Rye, NH; brother Henry McDermott, and his wife, Judy, of North Andover, MA; sister Joan Griffin of Exeter, NH; sister Joyce Sabolauskas of No. Chelmsford, MA; along with many nieces, nephews and cherished friends.

The family is so very thankful for the wonderful care he received from the dedicated staff at Harmony Homes by the Bay in addition to the staff of Brookhaven Hospice. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Brookhaven Hospice, 2 Bedford Farms Drive, Bedford, NH 03110-6525, or Sail Beyond Cancer Northshore, PO Box 445, Marblehead, MA 01945.

Visiting hours will be from 10:30am to 1:30pm on Monday, February 28, 2022 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton, NH 03842. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2pm

following the visitation at St. Theresa Parish, 815 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH 03970. Burial will be private. The Mass will be Livestreamed at <https://www.sainttheresachurchrye.org/live-streaming>.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **28**. 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
info@remickgendron.com
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

Funeral Mass

FEB **28**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St Theresa Church
815 Central Rd
(603) 964-6440
Rye Beach, NH 03871

Tribute Wall



“ *William Joseph McDermott*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Mary Ellen and family, please accept my condolences. So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. May he rest in peace.*

Maureen Horrigan - March 30, 2022 at 12:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Joseph McDermott.*



February 27, 2022 at 10:18 AM



“ *183 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - February 26, 2022 at 02:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Joseph McDermott.



February 25, 2022 at 04:02 PM



“ Maureen and Mark purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Joseph McDermott.



Maureen and Mark - February 25, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ Cathy, Cam, Jake, and Russ purchased the Pretty Please for the family of William Joseph McDermott.



Cathy, Cam, Jake, and Russ - February 24, 2022 at 07:27 AM



“ Love, Dede and Leslie purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.remickgendron.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of William Joseph McDermott.

Love, Dede and Leslie - February 23, 2022 at 03:56 PM

MO

“ Sincere sympathy to Mary Ellen and Patrick and to all those who mourn the loss of Bill.
May his gentle soul rest in peace.
Mary and PJ O'Brien.

Mary O'Brien - February 23, 2022 at 12:26 PM

DD

“ I have so many outstanding memories of growing up with Fuzzy and our core group of friends. Sailing, skiing and just so many fun times. Bill was the best and I'm very proud to call him a friend. Well done Bill and Rest In Peace.

Donald W. Dee

Donald W. Dee - February 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM

VM

“ Maryellen and Patrick we are so sorry for your loss. Ted and I have many fond memories in NH skiing with your family at Cranmore and at Cooper Mountain. Fuzzy was always an active ski team supporter. We enjoyed working races with him at Cranmore and seeing him at Bradford HS races. He will be missed.

Vicky Marshall - February 19, 2022 at 12:24 PM

DD

“ The staff at Stan and Dan's send our deepest condolences to Mary Ellen and Patrick ... Great memories

Dickie Denney - February 19, 2022 at 12:18 PM

CW

“ So many good times spent with our families over the years. I am glad Russ and I got to visit with Bill this summer. We even had the chance to show off our motorcycles and watched Bill smile as we rode away. Peace and love to you, Mary Ellen and Patrick

Cathy and Russ

Cathy Wallent - February 17, 2022 at 06:35 PM

LM

“ We are thinking of you and so very sorry for your loss of such a special person. Laura and Maz Mazur

Laura Mazur - February 17, 2022 at 02:57 PM

DF

“ So sorry for your loss. Betsy and I send love to you and your family.

David Betsy flaherty - February 17, 2022 at 02:34 PM

JF

“ Mary Ellen & Patrick;
So sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved husband and wonderful father. Bill was always a friendly and quite man who always waved as he passed by my parents trailer and like my Dad, was not given the quality of life they deserved. May God Bless, Bill and may he find eternal peace in Heaven and may you both remember the wonderful times you had together. 🙏❤️✝️

Jerry Flynn - February 17, 2022 at 09:38 AM

KK

“ Fuzzy was a good Man and I new him back in the day. Skiing The mountains of Maine and New Hampshire with my brother Bill and me. He was always fun to be around. I have such fond memories of Fuzzy. He will be sadly missed. My deepest sympathies go out to his loved ones.

Kristyne, (Krawzun), Kloza

Kris Kloza - February 14, 2022 at 08:40 AM

MO

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you MaryEllen and Patrick. Billy will be in our hearts forever!!!!❤️

Maureen OKane - February 13, 2022 at 05:28 PM

DB

“ Dyan Bruno lit a candle in memory of William Joseph McDermott



Dyan Bruno - February 13, 2022 at 05:23 PM