



## William M. McLaughlin

January 20, 1948 - October 8, 2022

Hampton – William Michael McLaughlin, 74, of Hampton, formerly of Nashua and Seabrook, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at the Exeter Hospital. He was born in Nashua on January 20, 1948, the only son of the late Francis and Eleanor (Reich) McLaughlin. Bill shared over 41 years of marriage with the love of his life, Nora (Kimball) McLaughlin.

Bill was raised in Nashua. He graduated from Nashua High with the Class of 1966 and went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from UNH in 1970. Bill worked as the General Manager for a number of racetracks and casinos during his life. In 1977, he met Nora at the Seabrook Greyhound Park, they were married 4 years later and settled in Seabrook. While in Seabrook, he served his community as a member of the Seabrook Planning Board and also served on the Winnacunnet School Board representing Seabrook. Bill's career took him all across the country before returning to New Hampshire in 2015. Since returning to New Hampshire, Bill was instrumental in the sale of the former Seabrook Greyhound Park acquired by the current ownership. Bill continued to work for "The Brook" as a consultant up until the time of his death.

Bill was an all-around great guy with a fantastic sense of humor and loads of friends. His personality simply attracted others and he made friends quite easily. He was a lifelong fan of New England sports. Later he developed a

passion for college athletics at Michigan State University where his son Michael graduated and the University of Tennessee where his granddaughter Madeline is currently a student. Bill also loved to follow grandson Andrew's participation in hockey at the high school level in Londonderry.

In addition to his beloved Nora, Bill leaves his son, Michael McLaughlin of Portland, ME, his grandchildren; Madeline and Andrew Downer, his sister Susan Dolan, his son-in-law, Mike Downer and his sisters-in-law, Melissa and Jessica Kimball.

He was predeceased by his son, William F. McLaughlin and his daughter, Jennifer Corbin Downer.

Visiting hours will be from 1 to 3pm on Monday, October 17, 2022 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. Services will follow the visitation starting at 3 pm in the funeral home. Burial will be private. The family suggests memorial donations to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation at <https://themmrf.org/> or the Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Foundation at <http://www.clifoundation.org/Donating.aspx>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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811 Lafayette Road ·  
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## Service

OCT 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SM

“ Well, Cousin, I was called up to give a testimonial in your honor at your funeral services yesterday. I know you were never a guy for ‘pomp and circumstance’, and the trappings of tradition. So I went with one of our classics from the magic summer of ‘73–The Mrs. Gavin ‘Mouse Story’.

*I know you have regaled many, as I have, with the wit and wisdom of this tale from our youth.*

*If I had ‘shuffled off this mortal coil’ before you, I feel pretty confident that you would have done the same for me.*

*I forgot to mention to all that Secretariat won the Belmont that summer in a record that will never be broken, and how Frank and Knobby (our dads) were in tears that day for their love of the Sport of Kings.*

*As they would both opine, ‘That’s horse racing, boys’. It will never be the same again.*

*So much to say, so little time—but you took me back to the Galley Hatch and environs where we were kings in our own time. Thank you for that.*

*Kudos and kisses, Billy Mac, for being such a beacon in my life—I, like many of us, will never forget the unique love you shared in your short stay among us.*

*We were all blessed. Full stop. Meet you at the \$10 window on the other side...and may it not be ‘crying paper’ -God Bless.*

*Stevie*

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Steve McLaughlin - October 18, 2022 at 07:34 PM



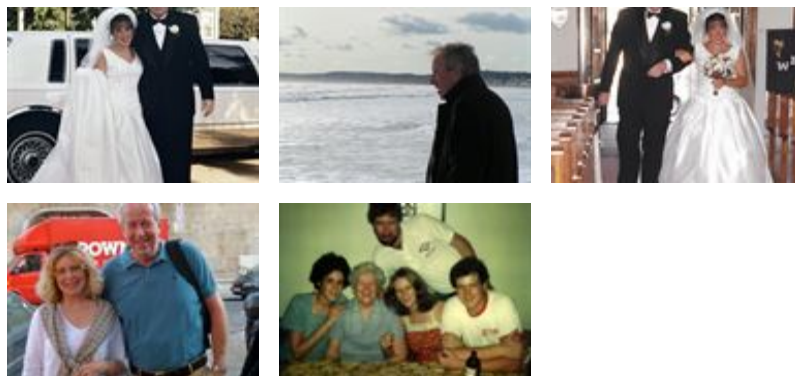
“ Dearest Cousin Billy,  
You were my first crush. My tall, handsome, smart, funny, classy big cousin, who could light up any room and make any party. And then you blessed us all falling in love with and marrying Nora (and Jen, my dear friend) and bringing Michael into the world. I loved spending time with you and your family every chance I got. You always made me feel special and then my children, remembering all of them at every holiday! Who does that? You and Nora. That's who.  
The summer is we never lived too near each other as adults. It saddens me that there weren't more good times. But know, big Cousin, every time I saw you it made my day! You brought to life McLaughlin history. I got to know my dad and all of my aunts, uncles and Nana Mac through your rich and hilarious story telling. I loved your inimitable voice, sense of humor and easy affable way with people. As my dad would say, "I love the way you part your hair."  
I will miss you so much, Cousin Billy, and promise to stay close with Nora, who was the best decision you ever made.  
Love, Amy

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Amy Margolis - October 18, 2022 at 12:06 AM



“ 149 files added to the album LifeTributes



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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - October 17, 2022 at 08:57 AM

HM

“ *Dear Nephew Bill,  
I met you when you were a young boy and throughout your youth, with your late Uncle P.J., we compiled many happy memories - sharing family times and enjoying trips and adventures together. As time passed, your career took you away from home, but you and your lovely Nora never let geography transcend your love of family...Ultimately, you both "came home,"and you remained an important figure in the extensive McLaughlin family, as we all experienced the joys and endured the sorrows that LIFE and LOVE mete out to everyone.  
Bill, I want to thank you for your unfailing thoughtfulness to the multigenerations of the P.J. McLaughlins and tell you that I am sad that you beat me to the finish line of earthly LIFE and LOVE.  
Lovingly,  
Aunt Helen*

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**Helen McLaughlin** - October 15, 2022 at 07:13 PM

JD

*Aunt Honey: So well said. Beautiful.  
Jim Dolan*

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**Jim Dolan** - October 17, 2022 at 08:21 AM

TB

“ My heart is breaking to hear that Bill passed away. I've know Bill for over 20 years. I first met him while working in Wheeling WV at the Wheeling Island Racetrack and Casino and we fastly became friends and he gave me the opportunity to learn and understand his side of the business with the betting on Greyhounds and Horses, what a education.

Bill was a true gentleman and very knowledgeable of the Racing Industry. My prayers and thoughts are with his family and many friends, we all lost a true gem, Bill was a person who I will remember forever. RIP my friend.

Todd Baker

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Todd Baker - October 15, 2022 at 02:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William M. McLaughlin.



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October 13, 2022 at 06:39 PM

TF

“ Nora, Suzie, Michael and extended family- We are deeply saddened to learn of Billy's passing. We cherish the many great times spent together with the entire McLaughlin family and especially Billy. His wit, energy & magnetism will certainly be missed. With our deepest regret we will be out of town for his service. Love & prayers ~ The Wolstromer Family ox

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The Wolstromer Family - October 13, 2022 at 01:56 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of William M. McLaughlin.*



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October 13, 2022 at 12:56 PM



“ *Bill was my boss, mentor, and friend. I have so many great memories of the years we worked together. I learned so much from him and will always be grateful. God bless my friend. My condolences to Nora, Michael, and family.*

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**Wayne Newcomer** - October 13, 2022 at 12:26 PM



“ *It is a significant loss for those of us who knew Bill....even if it was many years ago. Bill and I attend Sacred Heart School together from 1955 to 1962. Although we both graduated from Nashua High in 1966 we didn't have the opportunity to socialize together. I will always remember the fun we had and the kindness he extended to those around him. My sincere condolences to Kathy and his family.*

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**Mark Thornton** - October 13, 2022 at 07:13 AM



“ *I had the great fortune to meet Bill when he was GM for Valley Greyhound in Texas. He was an influential force in Texas racing and legislative circles and earned friends and respect everywhere. I loved the time I spent getting to know him, it was a privilege.*

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**howard hardegree** - October 12, 2022 at 11:02 PM

BC

“ *Bill McLaughlin and I met in student government at UNH in 1968. We visited his family home on Ferson Street in Nashua often, and I even got to stay there when I was in law school at Cornell, and back in NH on breaks. When he became Speaker of the Student Senate and I President of the Student Government at UNH in 1969, we got to travel to student government conventions in Washington, DC, and El Paso, Texas. He was a very dear friend and wonderfully entertaining colleague, and news of his death, and reading his obituary is painful. Kathy and I regret greatly that we shall be out of the country for his services, but send our condolences to his family, as his loss is a very significant one for us. Brad Cook*

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**Bradford Cook** - October 12, 2022 at 09:19 PM

TL

“ *The Puhalla's Brian, Christie & Laney purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William M. McLaughlin.*



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**The Puhalla's Brian, Christie & Laney** - October 12, 2022 at 06:20 PM

UM

“ *UT Majorettes purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of William M. McLaughlin.*



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**UT Majorettes** - October 12, 2022 at 06:13 PM

JH

“ *Nora and family, I am so sorry to hear about Billy and so sorry for your loss. We are thinking of you and remembering him fondly. - Jen Hart*



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**Jen Hart** - October 12, 2022 at 02:10 PM

DH

“ *Dear Nora & Family,  
So sorry to hear of Billy's passing! He was a great guy and always fun to be around! Sending many prayers and deep sympathy to you and your family.  
Love  
Dorothy Hart*

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**Dorothy Hart** - October 12, 2022 at 12:55 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of William M. McLaughlin.*



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October 12, 2022 at 09:26 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of William M. McLaughlin.*



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October 11, 2022 at 06:06 PM