



William C. McQuillen

June 19, 1945 - August 27, 2014

Portsmouth – William C. McQuillen, 69, of Portsmouth, formerly of Hampton, died Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at home with loving family by his bedside.

He was born June 19, 1945 in Long Island City, NY, a son of the late Walter and Margaret (Burke) McQuillen.

Bill was raised in Bayside, NY. He met the love of his life Catherine “Kitty” (Smith) McQuillen and wife of over 46 years, while in high school. The couple married in 1968 and settled in Riverdale, NY to raise their family. Bill earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Business from Manhattan College and went to work at The New York Times in Manhattan. He and Kitty moved to Cape Cod in 1972 where Bill worked as an accountant for the Yarmouth School District and Cape Cod Hospital. They relocated to Hampton in 1980 and worked for Dunfey Hotels.

Bill was a spiritual man and was always active in his church. He was a faithful communicant of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church in Hampton where he served as a lector and Eucharistic minister. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Bill served in the National Guard and US Coast Guard Reserves for eighteen years, and he also served as a call firefighter in the Town of Hampton.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and he will be sadly missed by his family and his many friends.

In addition to his wife Kitty of Portsmouth, Bill is survived by his sons, William J. McQuillen and wife Molly of Portsmouth, Matthew McQuillen and wife Samantha of Flower Mound, TX and Michael McQuillen and wife Deborah of Bristol; his daughter, Maura McQuillen & Todd Altschuler of Frisco, CO; his brother, Thomas McQuillen and wife Barbara of Augusta, GA and his six beloved grandchildren, Liam, Brendan, Bailey, Trevor and Emily McQuillen and Miranda Von Roth and her husband George.

Visiting hours will be from 4 to 7 PM on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 AM Wednesday , September 3, 2014 at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery, Portsmouth. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. If desired, the family suggests donations be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Church.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Rt 33, Greenland, Rd.
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 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

SEP 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; love leaves a memory no one can steal”

From an Irish headstone

10 years since you said goodbye, and I still miss you, but now I smile when I remember you. Grief is the price we pay for love.

Billy

William J McQuillen - August 27, 2024 at 11:32 AM



“ William C. McQuillen

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“Where you used to be, there is a hole in the world, which I find myself constantly walking around in the daytime, and falling in at night. I miss you like hell.” Edna St. Vincent Millay

It has been a year, but the sense of loss is still there.

Love you Dad

Billy - August 27, 2015 at 01:18 PM



Maura - October 10, 2015 at 08:24 PM

ST

“ Kitty - I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your husband. My thoughts are with you and your family.

Stephanie W.
Comcast

Stephanie - September 11, 2014 at 09:40 PM

MS

“ Maureen Shea lit a candle in memory of William C. McQuillen



Maureen Shea - September 03, 2014 at 08:45 AM

PN

“ Bill and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May your memories of your dad help you through the next few days, weeks and months. God Bless you all.

Pamela Stickney Nason

Pamela Stickney Nason - September 02, 2014 at 04:41 PM

CH

“ Dear Maura, Mrs. McQuillen and family,

My thoughts and prayers have been with you since I learned of Mr. McQuillen's passing. Seeing Mr. McQuillen always brought a smile to my face whether at the grocery store or being greeted in your home. A simple conversation with Mr. McQuillen always made me feel he cared and truly listened.

My deepest sympathy to the entire family. Praying for God's comfort and peace to surround you.

Christy

Christy - September 02, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CC

“ *Our sympathy and love to all of the McQuillen's at this difficult time. We wish peace to you always.
The McGowan family*

Colleen Cote - September 02, 2014 at 03:59 PM

BW

“ *To Kitty and family: My heartfelt condolences to you and the McQuillen family. I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a terrific guy and with you brought up a great family. seems just yesterday when I was fortunate to have met one of the finest families Hampton ever knew. Fond memories of a great man. My prayers and thoughts are with you Brian Warburton, Hampton*

Brian Warburton - September 02, 2014 at 07:48 AM

MS

“*Bill. Your name caused excitement, giddiness, and teasing from Kitty’s sisters and brothers before you would visit. It never bothered Kitty as the mere mentioning of your name lifted her, placing a glow on her face that remains to this day. Eventually, your name morphed into one, Bill-n-Kitty, Kitty-n-Bill, one in the same.*

You seemed to have an endless pocket of coins to play the baseball machine with us at the country store near the Acorn House. You played baseball with Art and the boys on the hallowed baseball field we created near the ponies in Riverdale.

You called our Mom and Dad - "Mom and Dad," and meant it. You shared your family with us like we had always been together.

Born and raised in New York, you didn’t stand a chance. You were bound for Boston and New England where you settled in as if you had been there for generations. There, your Irishness knew no limits, expressed with a smirk and twinkle the boundaries of your face could not contain.

You had a way of working behind the scenes to make things better for others, accommodations for Mom and Dad when they traveled, or a volunteer firefighter with a snowplow magically showing up at their house after a big snow storm on the Cape. Countless others would come to know your quiet good deeds.

Together as Bill-n-Kitty, Kitty-n-Bill, you raised a beautiful family, so special and dear to so, so many - all who want to thank you for sharing with us the lives of Billy, Matt, Mike and Maura. Thank you.

You were a snap-up, run-to, stand-up kind of a guy, always willing to help others without question. You could be called upon at anytime; you had our backs.

May you continue to watch over us, have our backs and answer our calls.

And, may you travel through the streets of Heaven in your Blue Ford Torino to your heart's content.

Michael Smith - September 02, 2014 at 06:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William C. McQuillen.*



September 01, 2014 at 09:02 PM



“ *My Deepest Sympathy to the entire and extended McQuillen family. My heart bleeds for all of you. May He Rest In Peace. Frances Antoon*

Frances Antoon - September 01, 2014 at 08:08 PM



“ *I'm so very grateful and honored to have known and served along side you, Bill. You and Kitty were among the handful of instructors I had in RCIA, and I'm so grateful for your love and instruction in guiding me into the Church. Later, you both were such a blessing to me as I had the honor of serving with you on the RCIA team, as we worked together in the Knights of Columbus, and as you generously advised me from your experience and wisdom as I started my business. I have a deep affection and gratitude for both you and Kitty. You will be dearly missed, Sir, and my sincere condolences go out to Kitty and your family. Rest well, my Brother.*

Scott Smith - September 01, 2014 at 02:20 PM

JE

“ 8 files added to the album *Memories of Bill*



Jessica - August 31, 2014 at 11:11 AM

SR

“ Dear Kitty and family,
My thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy have been with you since I heard of dear cousin Bill's death. RIP. From reading the previous tributes, it was obvious that he was a great human being and toughed the lives of many persons. The scriptures came to mind, especially, "I have finished the fight, and completed the work god gave me to do". so now he's undoubtedly enjoying the rewards of his work, "where eye has not seen, nor ear heard, what thing god has prepared for those who love Him".
Can you imagine, the great reunion with his parents and all the loved ones, who have gone on ahead.
As you know, we really only began emailing in the last few years. I treasured his emails, as he brought me up to date on family and extended family, something I appreciated , s I felt so very connected to you all. I was so looking forward to seeing him, you and Matt in September, but I felt as his hospitalization went on, that that dream was a remote possibility, but I thought, it would be sometime later. I still hope that you and Matt can come to San Antonio at a future time.
Again deepest sympathy, and know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Loving cousin,
Sister Rosemary Burke CVI (Sister of Charity of the Incarnate Word)

Sister Rosemary - August 30, 2014 at 05:07 PM

CD

“ Dear Kitty and family,
I just learned of Bill's passing, and I was sorry to hear that such a dear man has passed. He was a wonderful spiritual man, always ready to assist us with RCIA and the Easter Vigil at OLM, as well as anything else we asked of him. I have often thought of you both since I moved away, and will keep you all in prayer. May our Lord Jesus welcome Bill with open arms to His Heavenly Kingdom. "Well done, good and faithful servant, Bill."
Love and prayers,
Claudette Dachowski

Claudette Dachowski - August 29, 2014 at 07:50 PM



“ Bill,
You were my other older brother who always took the time to spend quality time with us as we were growing up, and continued to do so with my own family. You were able to connect with everyone and were loved by us all. We had such fun times together catching crabs on the Cape, eating Chinese food, and talking baseball and your beloved Red Sox. We were blessed to have you in our family and you have left a legacy that would make any man proud.
Dan

Dan Smith - August 29, 2014 at 07:46 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories of Bill



Dan Smith - August 29, 2014 at 07:36 PM

DM

“ Bill, you were the first person who recognized that Mike truly loved me. I was always grateful for your acceptance and support. We'll miss you. Deb

Deborah McQuillen - August 29, 2014 at 02:32 PM

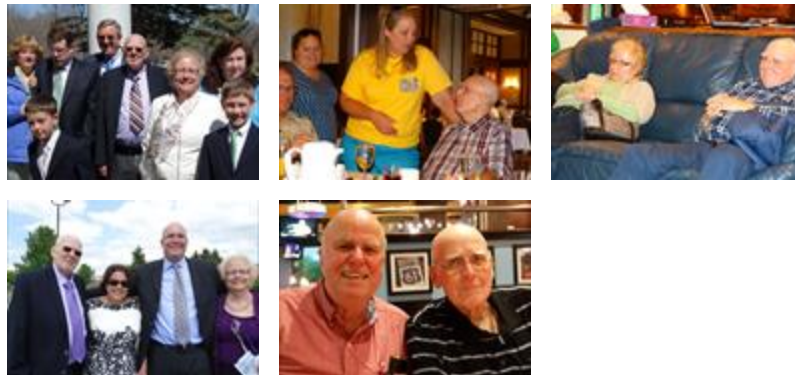
SS

“ Bill always inspired me to work harder. His life stories and experiences always brought joy and understanding to my life. After talking to my uncle Bill, I always felt ready to go out and achieve great things. I will miss him dearly. My love and prayers are with all the McQuillens.

Sean Smith - August 29, 2014 at 08:01 AM

BI

“ 10 files added to the album New Album Name



Billy - August 29, 2014 at 06:38 AM

MA

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories of Bill*



Maura - August 28, 2014 at 10:37 PM

MS

“ *Bill you will be missed. I remember you as a young girl of 14 and coming to our house on Sylvan Avenue in your ROTC uniform. You were there to take Kitty to a dance and she was thrilled. It was a special time for you and Kitty. You were both so in love. Your wedding was beautiful and I will always remember the little apartment in New York that you lived in. I remember the house in Marstons Mills and your going to fire's in the volunteer fire department.. your energy and your joy. You loved Mom and Dad Smith and you were a great father and husband. God blessed us with your life and you gave your children so much. You are now with many who have gone before you ..doing a dance in heaven and we will miss you. Love and prayers to Kitty,Bill,Matt,Mlchael and Maura. The Simpson Family in Florida*

mary ellen simpson - August 28, 2014 at 08:32 PM

KA

“ I was so sorry to hear of Uncle Bill's passing. He always took time to talk with me when the family was gathered together, and I very much appreciated that. He was always quick to say something supportive about new things that I was trying out. Whether it was going off to college, getting a driver's license, or moving to China, Uncle Bill always made me feel that what I had chosen to do was wonderful with his kind words. I'm so sorry for all of the McQuillens for their loss of a great husband, brother, father, and grandfather, but I know God will bless him in heaven.

Katy - August 28, 2014 at 08:09 PM

BG

“ Even you were ill. You still went to Katy and I wedding. You even danced in the wedding party. Thank you for your kindness to us. We will never forget you. ---Bob Gao

Bob Gao - August 28, 2014 at 07:51 PM