



William L. Mercer

March 9, 1957 - December 29, 2024

Hampton - William Leroy Mercer, known as Bill, passed away on December 29, 2024, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, at the age of 67 due to a period of declining health. He was born on March 9, 1957, in Baltimore, Maryland, to Thomas Atkinson Mercer and Conard Porter Mercer.

Bill graduated from Moorestown High School in New Jersey in 1975 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science at the University of New Hampshire in 1982. Shortly after, he married the love of his life, Kathleen Conroy, on October 1, 1983. Together, they built a beautiful life over 41 years of marriage, filled with love, devotion, and cherished memories.

Over the years, Bill worked in construction sales and had been employed by R.H. Keleher, Specified Technologies Inc., and A.H. Harris & Sons.

Bill lived a life rich in passions and pursuits. He was an avid scuba diver, golfer, duck hunter, fisherman, and lobsterman, delighting in sharing his freshly caught lobsters with family and friends. He enjoyed horseback riding, cutting a rug out on the dance floor, and cooking meals with his close-knit group of friends known as the frugal gourmet. Bill was often seen walking the beach with his beloved yellow lab Chase. His love for the outdoors was matched only by his love for family, and he never missed an opportunity to cheer on his children, Kelly and David, both on the soccer field and in life.

Known for his boundless energy, Bill was the first to lend a helping hand, whether shoveling a neighbor's driveway, setting up for a party, or even scuba diving into a lake to retrieve a lost diamond, earning him the nickname "The Diamond Diver." He loved coaching his kids in soccer for many years through Hampton Attack. He was a longtime member of the Hampton River Boat Club, a devoted volunteer for Ducks Unlimited, and was a former member of the Warwick Club and a beloved member of the Hampton community.

Bill's legacy is one of joy, generosity, and dedication. He encouraged his children to make good decisions and he led by example, demonstrating the importance of community and celebration. His laughter, zest for life, and ability to bring people together will be deeply missed. Please raise a glass in his honor.

Bill is survived by his devoted wife Kathy Mercer; his daughter, Kelly Mercer-Lebov, and her husband Ian, along with their two sons, Benny and Ollie Lebov, of Santa Cruz, California; and his son, David Mercer, and his wife Lyle Hanf of San Marino, California. He also leaves behind his siblings: Holly Coyne and her husband Jim, Emily Mercer, Mike Mercer and his wife Deborah, and Tom Mercer and his wife Helen; as well as cousins, nieces, nephews, and countless friends who held him dear. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Atkinson Mercer and Connie Porter Mercer.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Rockingham County Rehabilitation and Nursing Center for their loving care and compassion.

A celebration of Bill's life is being planned, and details will be shared at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Hampton Community Coalition (<https://hamptoncommunitycoalition.org/>), 200 High Street, Hampton, NH 03842.

Tribute Wall

AC

“ Found a great photo from one of the Mercer family trips. There’s Uncle Bill right in the middle!! ❤️



Alex Mercer Cheuk - January 12, 2025 at 01:11 PM

LC

“ Bill and I spent many hours at Woodedge Farm when we were children. I am so sorry to hear of his passing.

Louise Cuthbertson - January 12, 2025 at 01:10 PM

JC

“ I am sorry that I just heard of Bills(Billys) passing. We became friends in the first grade in Moorestown ,NJ.We went through school together and stayed friends throughout.I send my sympathy to his wife, kids, grand kids and all family.

Jayne Develin Corley - January 12, 2025 at 11:43 AM

DB

“ Bill and I were in the same car for drivers' ed in the summer of '74. Mr. Masters, the instructor said we were the best pair of drivers he ever had. He said there may have been better individual drivers but he never had a pair that were as good as us. This despite the fact that we may have reset the speeding alarm on the car one day when Mr. Masters had to stop by the office before we went out.

David S Barna - January 12, 2025 at 11:14 AM

RJ

“ Cathy and family? I'm very sorry to hear about bill. Remembering great times back in college. RIP 🙏

Ralph Jasinski - January 11, 2025 at 06:34 PM

GL

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Glenn - January 09, 2025 at 10:01 AM

PA

Such a great fisherman...
Such a kind and generous person...
Such a good friend to so many.

Patty+Glenn - January 09, 2025 at 10:03 AM

PG

we miss Bill so much.

Patty + Glenn - January 09, 2025 at 10:24 AM

IL

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Ian Lebov - January 07, 2025 at 12:48 AM

IL

“ Bill was the type that found joy in helping others find joy. He would cook for hours so his friends and family could catch up with other friends and family over locally caught seafood. He would extend a fishing excursion invite to anyone interested in braving a dingy ride from the beach. He was so generous in making memories for his favorite people. Bill had a type of strength and energy that seemed endless, especially when playing with kids. He also had a way of making you feel good about yourself and emphasized letting your talents shine through.

I miss Bill. He taught me a lot. He had a lot of funny stories. That red squirrel was a real rascal. I got to reel in a striper once on his boat and it felt just like a dream. Thanks for all the memories Bill. I'll do my best to bring some Bill spirit to the party.



Ian Lebov - January 07, 2025 at 12:44 AM

SH

“ Bill Mercer was a great guy back when we use to be at the bus stop he had his kids and I had my Grand kids he would start your day with his jokes and humor . After kids got older we were not in touch , but have wonderful memories .

R.I. P. Mike & Sharron Plouffe

Sharron - January 05, 2025 at 09:02 AM

JU

“ We had the pleasure of working with Bill through Hampton Attack and also purchasing Ducks Unlimited prints, which we still cherish and have proudly displayed to this day. Bill was truly a joy to work with, and his kindness and professionalism left a lasting impression on us. Please accept our heartfelt condolences for your loss. Our thoughts are with your family during this difficult time.

Julie and Woody Woodworth

julie - January 04, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William L. Mercer.

January 04, 2025 at 12:31 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of William L. Mercer.



January 04, 2025 at 12:31 PM

KM

“ Bill's biggest catch!



Kathy Mercer - January 03, 2025 at 05:23 PM

DM

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David Mercer - January 03, 2025 at 05:22 PM

MS

“ Wonderful tribute to a standup guy. He never missed an opportunity to "cut a rug". I hope your memories bring you comfort at this very sad time.

Madolyn Sullivan - January 03, 2025 at 03:01 PM

MS

“ A wonderful tribute to a standup guy. Bill left so many good memories to hold onto. He never missed an opportunity to "cut a rug". I hope your memories bring you comfort during this very sad time.

Love, Madolyn & Dan Sullivan



Madolyn Sullivan - January 03, 2025 at 02:57 PM

LK

“ Deepest and heartfelt sympathy Kathy in the loss of your wonderful husband. Prayers, friendship and love to you and your entire family.

With sympathy,
Lee Ann and David Kelley

Lee Ann Kelley - January 03, 2025 at 08:06 AM

NL

“ Bill came for a visit and we wanted the Mercers to meet our friends. He not only brought lobsters for everyone and cooked them but also readily cracked them open for people who requested his expertise. Nine years later our friends are still talking about how wonderful a person he was and how lucky we were to have Bill and Kathy part of our family. We are very lucky!

Nancy Leboy - January 03, 2025 at 12:22 AM

KM

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Kelly Mercer-Lebov - January 02, 2025 at 08:45 PM

NL

Bill was a truly remarkable person. He had a zest for life. He loved his family and friends with a deep passion. He was always the first one to give a helping hand and was great at everything he did. He will be truly missed. He was loved by all who knew him and he will always be in our hearts.

Nancy Leboy - January 02, 2025 at 11:33 PM

DG

Kathy I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Deb and Jack Gendron

Deborah D. Gendron - January 03, 2025 at 01:35 PM



Kathy, Glenn and I are so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you all. Glenn and Helen Graham

Helen and Glenn Graham - January 11, 2025 at 10:12 AM