



William "Bill" P. Pray

October 7, 1947 - January 15, 2025

Salem, MA – William P. "Bill" Pray, 77, of Salem, MA, and formerly of Hampton, NH, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

Born in Malden, MA, on October 7, 1947, Bill was the eldest son of the late William and Dorothy (Tremblay) Pray. He was a proud graduate of Winnacunnet High School's Class of 1965 and went on to earn both his undergraduate degree and master's in accounting from Bentley College in Waltham, MA.

Bill enjoyed a fulfilling career, working for St. John's Hospital in Lowell, MA, and Blue Cross Blue Shield before retiring from Polaris Group at the age of 73.

A lover of travel, Bill visited many of the country's national parks and baseball stadiums. He was a devoted Red Sox and Bruins fan, an enthusiastic baseball card collector, and, in his younger years, an avid golfer. He is a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus. Bill will be remembered for his kindness, his positive outlook on life, and the special bond he shared with his siblings.

He leaves behind his beloved siblings: Richard Pray and his wife, Lynne; Dave Pray and his wife, Janet; and Barbara Ryan and her husband, Mark. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews who will hold his memory

close to their hearts.

Visiting hours will be held from 5:00–7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home–Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 AM on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Burial will follow at High Street Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

High Street Cemetery

150 High Street
Hampton, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 5:00 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/>

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 23. 11:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church
289 Lafayette Rd
Hampton, NH 03842

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to Bill's family and friends. I have been Bill's neighbor for the past 10 years and only learned of his passing today. Me and my family were very sad to learn of his passing. He was a character and shared many stories of his journeys, travels and work experiences with me. Once he started talking it was hard to get him to stop. He loved his trips and will be missed.*

Melanie McKinnon - January 21, 2025 at 08:40 PM

DL

“ *So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. My deepest condolences to the Pray Family. In conversations with Bill, he made you feel like you knew him forever. Rest in Peace!*
Deb LaValley

Debra LaValley - January 21, 2025 at 04:11 PM

JL

“ *My sincere condolences to Bill's family. He was a wonderful man with such kindness and a great spirit and zest for life. He is missed more than any of us can express. Rest in peace and the love of your friends and family, Bill -*

Janice LeBel - January 20, 2025 at 07:19 PM

KH

“ So very sorry to hear that Billy has passed. I realize most call him Bill yet having known him since childhood he will always be Billy to me. The memories our families made together are treasured ones. Sending love and sincere condolences to Richard, David, Barbara and your families. With love, Kathleen Cleary Hoesly



Kathleen Hoesly - January 20, 2025 at 02:20 PM

MW

“ Mark And Kirsten Wirling lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" P. Pray



Mark and Kirsten Wirling - January 19, 2025 at 08:51 PM

NR

“ I am deeply saddened by Bill's passing. Most recently I had the pleasure of being on his team at Alpha. Previously my husband and I were with him on Parish Council. He had wonderful spirituality that he expressed beautifully and shared with all. He will be greatly missed.

Nancy Roney - January 19, 2025 at 11:32 AM

KL

“ I'm so sad to hear of Billy's passing....we had some fun times together here on Park Ave. Those memories will always remain in my heart. My love and peace to you, Rich,Dave and Barb and families.

Karen T Lang - January 18, 2025 at 07:44 PM

KM

“ Zack and I are heartbroken to learn of Bill's passing. He was one of the first people we met at church and always made us feel welcome. Bill and Zack frequently shared sport stories. RIP dear friend. Kimberly and Zack Millican, Salem, MA

Kimberly Millican - January 18, 2025 at 04:28 PM

KA

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. Bill was my next door neighbor in Lake Suzy He always checked on me when hurricanes were headed our way. He will be missed! Kathleen



Kathleen - January 18, 2025 at 04:13 PM

MA

“ Mark & Sandra Anderson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William "Bill" P. Pray.



Mark & Sandra Anderson - January 18, 2025 at 03:59 PM

MA

“ Mark & Sandra Anderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" P. Pray.

Mark & Sandra Anderson - January 18, 2025 at 03:59 PM

RB

“ *Richard Ballou lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" P. Pray*



Richard Ballou - January 18, 2025 at 03:28 PM

CH

“ *I'm so sad to hear about Bill's passing. I met him just a few years ago at Immaculate Conception Church in Salem. He was a host at my 1st Alpha group there. What a lovely person. I enjoyed our many conversations. He was a caring man. Always asking about others and always sending prayers to those whom he knew needed them. In the short time that I knew Bill I have many memories that I will cherish. God Bless you Bill! Rest in Peace. ❤️*

charlotte - January 17, 2025 at 10:46 PM

KE

*Sorry for the family's loss
We have missed him at Heron Pointe the last two years
Not knowing he would never be back*

karen eagleston - January 22, 2025 at 10:27 PM