



William X. Pray

January 25, 1920 - January 24, 2020

Hampton – William X. Pray, 99, of Hampton, died Friday, January 24, 2020 a day shy of his 100th birthday at Exeter Hospital.

Mr. Pray was born in Chelsea, MA. January 25, 1920, the son of the late Jesse F. and Margaret M. (Carruthers) Pray. Mr. Pray was raised in Chelsea and Malden, MA. He attended Saint Rose's School Class of 1935 in Chelsea and Malden Catholic High School. He was a 1939 graduate of Malden High School and a graduate of the Franklin Technical Institute.

He was a veteran of the US Navy serving both as a Pharmacist's Mate assigned to the US Marine Corps during WWII and Hospital Corpsman at the Chelsea Naval Hospital during Korea.

Mr. Pray worked for the National Radio Corporation of Malden before and after WWII and worked 18 years as a draftsman for the General Electric Jet Engine Division at the Lynn Riverworks Plant from 1964 until his retirement in 1982.

He had been a Hampton resident since 1959 coming from Malden. He was a member of the Hampton's American Legion Post 35, a communicant of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, and a member of the Holy Name Society, the Men of Saint Joseph, Knights of Columbus Council 5093, and the

Ancient Order of Hibernians.

He was predeceased by both his wife, Dorothy R. (Tremblay) Pray, in 1992 and his sister, (Harriet V. Pray) Sr. Mary Evangelist, RSM, in 1995.

Family members include three sons, William P. Pray of Salem, MA, Richard G. Pray of Hampton, David M. Pray of Raymond; a daughter, Barbara E. Ryan of East Wakefield, NH, four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren..

Visiting hours will be from 5-7 P.M. Monday, January 27, 2020 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home- Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 A.M. Tuesday, January 28, 2020 in Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton Burial will follow in the High Street Cemetery. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. If desired, donations may be made to the Sisters of Providence (<https://spsmw.org/donate/donation>) Mission Advancement office, 1 Sisters of Providence Road, Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods, IN 47876.

Cemetery Details

High Street Cemetery

150 High Street
Hampton, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 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/>

Funeral Mass

JAN 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *William X. Pray*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Love you Lefty! Thanks for being a wonderful friend to my grandparents. I hope you had one heck of a party when ya'll were finally back together. Lots of love to your family.*

Rebecca Costello - January 29, 2020 at 06:37 PM



“ *Cant believe it has been almost a year since I saw Mr. Pray! He always waved when we walked into the living room area at the nursing home or I would go over and shake his hand! Saw him daily while visiting our Mom Gerry Wilbur before she passed too at RCNH! May God Bess him and your family at this time!*

*Sincerely
Ellen Wilbur DeCosta*



Ellen DeCosta - January 27, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ *My deepest, heartfelt sympathy.
Respectfully,
Richard Ballou*



Dick Ballou - January 26, 2020 at 06:11 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William X. Pray.*



January 26, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ *We remember Bill as a gentle and kind man. We had lots of good times with him at Lake Suzy. Playing cards was always fun and he had many funny sayings. Our sincere condolences to the Pray family and may he rest now, in peace. We were all fortunate to have known him.*

Don & Geri Tremblay

Donald & Geri Tremblay - January 26, 2020 at 07:45 AM



“ *The Anderson Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William X. Pray.*



The Anderson Family - January 25, 2020 at 07:33 PM

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“Pops” was a special man in every way. Never heard a bad word come out of his mouth. Very kind to everybody he met. My fondest memories (and there are many) are the nights we spent playing Skat at our home in Lake Suzy, FL. We would gather around the card table with sometimes as many as seven people including “Billy”, myself (Lenny), my mother (who died at the ripe old age of 98), my brother Mark and my cousin Geri and her husband Don. So many laughs and good times. When “Pops” won - and he often did - he would act so surprised and then give a whimsical - “Oh sorry about that”. And when the cards he was holding were not the best he would always say, “What lousy papers”. A very funny, humble and pleasant man. I will never forget you “Pops” and may you rest in eternal peace.

Lenny Anderson

Lenny Anderson - January 25, 2020 at 07:14 PM

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Len, he loved those times at your home in FL.

Barbara Ryan - January 25, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William X. Pray.



January 25, 2020 at 02:14 PM

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“ *The McDonald Family-Scott, Julie, Josh and Megan purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William X. Pray.*



The McDonald Family-Scott, Julie, Josh and Megan - January 25, 2020 at 02:04 PM

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“ *Mr. Pray 's daughter is my dearest friend, each time he saw myself, Scott or our children he always said "I love You". I know he genuinely loved people and us.*

Julie L McDonald - January 25, 2020 at 01:50 PM