



William T. Prince Jr.

December 3, 1944 - July 30, 2023

York, ME - William T. "Bill" Prince, Jr., 78, of York, a master plumber who built a marriage, home, family and a list of countless loyal customers over a lifetime of relentless hard work and steadfast values, died suddenly on July 30 after a short illness.

Born in Boston on Dec. 3, 1944, Bill moved to York as a toddler and was raised on a farm. He was always working from the time he was a young boy. He installed flooring when he graduated from York High, followed by 15 years at the York Water Department, then decades as a master plumber working for himself.

For many years, he handled water turn-ons and shut-offs for more than 100 cottages in York Beach. People trusted Bill, who always felt responsible for those properties. He was quick to help family, friends, relatives and neighbors. It was a large part of who he was. Another was a love that lasted more than six decades.

In high school, he met Adelaide, an 18-year-old native of New York who had vacationed in York. When Bill graduated from York High, Addie attended.

A year-and-a-half later, six days before Christmas, they were married. He had made her a promise: I'll take care of you for the rest of your life. They always

counted on and looked out for each other.

Together, they wove a life - with two sons, Scott and Troy, coming 22 months apart, and eventually a home they built from the ground up.

Bill had the boys riding a bulldozer, chopping branches off downed trees with a hatchet, and holding on to the jackhammer. They joined Little League and youth hockey teams (with Dad often an assistant coach or a referee), skated on the backyard pond their father dammed up, slammed hundreds of pucks into a chain-link fence in the side yard, and learned many things from their Dad.

Bill worked in town; Addie worked at the telephone company. Their home became Bill's haven, a place he was proud of, that was proof that all the years of effort had paid off. He loved his house.

It is full, inside and out, with things Bill built or objects he intended to create or repair, much of it in his packed basement shop. Bill loved to refinish all kinds of wooden objects. He built furniture, bird houses, wine racks - you name it, and created countless aluminum Christmas ornaments, laboring to get the face of a snowman just right, try after try, until he had it.

His son Troy married Mary Morrison and brought two beautiful grandchildren, Maggie and Elliot, into Bill and Addie's lives. Many happy memories were made.

Scott predeceased his Dad in 1991.

Bill also spent years sharing his skills with many nieces and nephews – from home repairs to woodworking because he thought the world of all of them. He also leaves two sisters-in-law, Ann Cone of Worcester, MA and Jean

Lawrence, and her husband, Ed, of Spring Hill, FL; his brother-in-law, Richard Cavanagh, of Connelly, NY; and many friends and relatives. Bill's half-brother, Frank J. Moulton II, predeceased him in 2020.

In recent years, Bill and Addie spent winters in Naples, FL. They made new friends and Bill couldn't wait to get out of the car the minute they arrived and walk the beach to collect shells. He was grateful; they both were.

Bill and Addie were always on the same page. Always together. Now, Addie will look at the world for both of them. She will laugh and sing, when she finally can again, and pray to the stars, for the both of them. She will remember all the things that gave Bill joy. And she will live as well as he would want her to, for as long as she can.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I graduated with bill at york high school in 1963. My maiden name was Janice Gregory. we sometimes hung out with Richard Lowell, Sandy Burns, etc .I went into the Army a month after graduation. He was always helpful. I send my condolences to his family.

Janice S Miller - September 08, 2023 at 01:59 PM

JA

“ Dear Addie, you and Bill...what can I say? We met you both in Naples and immediately formed a special bond. Two of our favorite people, true friends. Bill will be deeply missed by us, and by countless others. He was such a special man, always, always jumping in to lend a helping hand or to share a laugh...or to give me a special shell he found. Life will never be the same without him, but I pray you will find peace in your memories. We love you and Bill.



Joan Altomare - August 29, 2023 at 09:18 PM

PR

“ Dear Addie, it's been a long time since I saw you and Bill, I am so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you all,Pat Clark Ropars..

Pat Clark Ropars - August 29, 2023 at 11:22 AM

RK

“ I was deeply saddened to hear that Bill passed away. He was such a good guy, very kind and giving. This photo is my son with a whale that Bill hand made for him which he still loves. He made things that helped me as well for my office. Very grateful to have known this kind and loving man. My thoughts and prayers are with the Prince family. ~Ryan Khalsa



Ryan Khalsa - August 28, 2023 at 08:45 PM

BN

“ Bill was a dear friend who became family to us. The wonderful times we spent together are cherished, but we never thought those memories would be our last with Bill. We miss him so very much, but know we will see him again We believe that Bill's presence will be there to support Addie through the years. His beautiful smile will be a constant memory for us all.
Rest in peace our dear, dear friend! We love you and miss you terribly.
With much love,
Betsey and Bob

Betsey/Bob Nalevanko - August 28, 2023 at 01:02 PM

DL

“ Addie and Family
We are so sorry for your tremendous loss. He will be truly missed in the Town of York.
Sending our love and condolences
Diane and David Lewis

Diane Lewis - August 28, 2023 at 07:28 AM

ZH

“*Mrs. Prince and Troy and family, I am sorry to hear of this. I remember Bill as assistant Scoutmaster back in the '70's, and that he was always very helpful and a good leader. Our condolences to your family. Zack and Lisa Harmon, Kennebunk, Maine.*

Zachary B Harmon - August 28, 2023 at 04:40 AM

PS

“*I work with the public. It's sad to say I do not come across too many people that care about others as Bill did. He adored his wife, loved his family & friends, even people like me who aren't a "friend" but came to think of him that way over the years. He always wanted to come to my house and help me with my plumbing! Although I didn't take him up on that he would always answer my questions and even gave me diy plumbing book he didn't need. I will cherish the Christmas ornaments he made and gave me. Bill was just a very, very special man and the world is not quite as bright now but it's more glowing with the wonderful memories he left behind. Take care on this next adventure Bill! Xo Patti Jo*

Patti Smith - August 26, 2023 at 11:50 AM

DM

“ Billy, my shock in hearing of your passing was, I can't explain it other than genuine sadness. I worked with Bill for a number of years at the York Water District. Back then it was a very small crew so we all worked side by side for most of the time. We also were members of the York Volunteer Fire Department as well. My work experiences with Billy were, by far and away mostly positive and I learned a great deal from Bill. When I left the YWD, we went in different paths, and every once in a while would run into each other. It was always a broad smile hand shake and a long conversation. In the past year I ran into Bill at my work and it was more of the same. I visited Addie and Bill at their home and said I'd return to talk again. It didn't come to pass, but I knew how close he was to me! Good bye my friend you will be missed, and I've got great memories. God bless. Dana

Dana MoultonIII - August 25, 2023 at 11:51 AM

JD

“ I was so glad to be able to visit with Bill in Maine in late July. I will treasure the memory. When I think of Bill I think of the visits to Naples, Florida. He was always helping out the other residents with whatever was needed. I especially remember the fishing advice he gave me when I wanted to take my daughter Juliana fishing. Also, I remember the little things... he would fill the water container for people coming from the beach to rinse off the sand. We will miss him. Jud, Heather, Carter, Jackson and Juliana.

Jud DiVincenzo - August 25, 2023 at 11:16 AM