



William J. Sexton

October 7, 1956 - January 27, 2022

Seabrook - William Joseph Sexton, 65, long-time resident of Portsmouth, died, peacefully at his home in Seabrook, NH, January 27, 2022, after a long illness.

Born in Landstuhl, Germany on the U.S. Army base there, October 7, 1956, he was son of the late Maj. John F. and Eleanor Sexton.

Billy attended Rye Public Schools, graduated from Portsmouth High School '75, went to Milton Academy, and attended the University of New Hampshire, Durham.

He was a gifted athlete. Of his early life, at one time he held the title for the most home-runs ever scored by a player in a single game for the Rye Little League, a team, he later served as a coach. He played football for Portsmouth High, respected as co-captain of the varsity team, remembered by his coaches as Defensive Player of the Year, and honored as a member of NH All-State Team, and the 1975 NH Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Team.

Bill was a voracious reader, history buff, and self-taught aficionado of the Civil War. He built fine architectural studies for buildings, and was a master craftsman with the lathe, rendering elegant wooden bowls and sculpted objects made from both exotic hardwood, and local specimens carefully

selected from the Seacoast woods.

He worked with his hands and his wits, as a welder at Seabrook Station, a builder and site manager for a construction company, and complaint manager & fixer for a window treatment company. Lastly, and possibly his favorite job of all, was taking care of his grandchildren in the last years of his life.

Significantly, during his last decade, he also found peace in his faith, and in the love of his family and partner, Judy. He was active in the Bethany Church in Greenland, and served as a Stephen Minister, and a volunteer with the Prison Ministry. He is remembered by many in his community for his generosity and compassion.

Billy is survived by his daughter, Annie, her husband Eric DeJoy, their children, Cecilia and Nora; his partner Judy Fuller, his sister Cindy, and her husband, John Lewis, sister, Eleanor Sexton, her partner, Maureen Baldwin, sister, Elaine, her wife, Nora Conant; sister-in-law Jackie Sexton, nieces and nephews, Jennifer Gallant, Michael, David, and Madeline Lewis; their spouses, and children.

Services will be private. Arrangements are by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home in Hampton. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to Shriner's Hospitals for Children (<https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/locations/boston>), 2900 Rocky Point Dr. Tampa, Florida 33607.

Tribute Wall

CS

“ I was his grand daughter and I loved him soooooo much. He was a kind and careing grandfather and I miss him a lot. I rememder wjen he used to come and baby sit me. One time my mom was trieing to get me to stop drinking normal milk and start drinking almond milk. I came down stairs and yeld from the last step "guppy, it's white it comes from a cow I need it now." He laught so hard. He was always worried about me one time he thought I ate a marble (I didn't). He was such a great grandfather it's been 6 years and I'm 11 but I miss him so much.

Cecilia sexton - May 22 at 08:17 PM



“ William J. Sexton

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM

MG

“ Sincere condolences to the Sexton family. Bill & I shared memorable time & dirt on football fields at PHS and UNH. Although I haven't seen Bill in many years, I'll always remember Bill as a hard hitting, stand up guy we all liked. A great loss for us all.

Mark Gori
PHS 1975

Mark Gori - June 16, 2022 at 04:52 PM

AD

“ I have just learned of Bill's passing and extend my sorrow to his family. Bethany Church was my connection to Bill, and we had many great times in the moving ministry there, conversations about faith and everything else. As a reading specialist, I loved his story of how he had dyslexia and finally taught himself to read senior year of high school, by reading "Conan the Barbarian". Teaching people with dyslexia everyday, I had great respect for him as he taught himself to read, when no one in school knew how to help him. And from there, he took off, reading everything that he could about everything that interested him.

Bill's compassion for other's was deep and his faith lifted them up. His love for his daughter and grandchildren was a joy to watch. Bill was a man of integrity, honesty ,faith and love.

Ann McKearin Dolan

Ann McKearin Dolan - March 26, 2022 at 11:57 AM

KA

“ To the entire Sexton family,
I am so sorry to hear of Bill passing. I spent a lot of time with Bill back in the 80's, lived with him for many years along with my brother Eric and Curt Shumway...Plenty of great times and fond memories! Not to leave out our Tae Kwon Do classes with our sensei Del Record. Bill was a very good friend, caring, generous and always ready with a helping hand.... I'm sure he will be missed by many, but my memories of spending time with Bill and his brother John will stay with me forever.....My thoughts and prayers are with Annie and the rest of the Sexton clan. I wish you peace and comfort in this terrible time....

with love and on behalf of my family, karl colen

karl - February 04, 2022 at 11:06 AM

AL

“ I am very sorry for the loss of William,I grew up with the Sexton's,and many others in the area of Rye.I send my thoughts and prayers to the family.Alan Ladrie.

Alan Ladrie - February 02, 2022 at 07:29 PM

TI

“ My heart is hurting so...Billy was such a big part of my life since we were kids playing on the beach at the end of cable road. Another kind and loving Sexton has left us and is in the loving arms of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Hey Billy, Give Johnny a HIGH FIVE for me. Love you dude. So sorry for your loss...again
Love and prayers,
Tippy

tippy - February 01, 2022 at 07:30 PM

PA

“ I grew up in Rye and was always in awe of Billy and his brother John for their sports abilities and how they delivered for Rye ,Portsmouth, and UNH in football,real studs.I worked with Billy on JCS projects and I am glad to have hung out and talked about life and our interesting childhoods in Rye.He was A Rye original,a tough guy with a big heart,will be missed,a one of akind sports legend..to be dug..adios,via con Dios

Peter W Allen - January 31, 2022 at 10:19 PM

JW

“ *Annie and Sexton family. So sorry for your loss. Billy was such an incredible person. He was just fun to be around. His philosophical thoughts about life were truly inspirational to anyone we who knew him, and his relaxed easy going personality was infectious. He was truly one of a kind. Many memories growing up, high school, and reconnecting later in life. Love you William. Rip*
Jim W

jim wheeler - January 31, 2022 at 07:05 AM

KG

“ *Oh Billy, we will miss you so. What and extraordinary dad, who brought into this world and nurtured in so many, many, ways, such an extraordinary daughter. What a truly good, kind, smart, funny guy. I am sorry for your loss Annie, littles, sisters, family, friends, and loved ones. What an amazing person Billy was. He will always be in my heart, and I will always stare up at the stars and think of him. Always.*

Karen Goodwin - January 30, 2022 at 11:24 AM

PE

“ *Annie,
So sorry for your loss. He was such a great father and loved being a grandfather. I will remember our times together and as long as we never forget, he will stay in our hearts forever.
sending you love and prayers,
Phil*

Phil Estes - January 29, 2022 at 05:16 PM

PM

“ Annie, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad! He loved you so much and I remember all the fun you had together! I am thinking of you and sending hugs your way! Love Peri-Lynne

Peri-Lynne McCartney - January 29, 2022 at 03:46 PM

 Brian
Clark

God Bless.
Great Man. Great Guy.
#WildcatStrong4ever.
Continued prayers.
RIP Bill.

Brian Clark - January 30, 2022 at 12:29 AM

MH

To Billy's family, I am sorry for your loss. He was a great person and teammate. I will always have happy memories that resurface when I think of Billy.

Michael Halligan - February 01, 2022 at 11:47 AM