



Mr. William J. "Billy" Ramsey

December 22, 1943 - July 10, 2023

William (Billy) J. Ramsey (Born, Dec 22, 1943) passed quietly on Monday, July 10th at home with his loving wife, Sandra A. (Reardon) Ramsey, by his side.

Billy & Sandy were married November 28, 1964 at St Agnes Church, in Dalton, MA and shared their early years of married life in the Berkshires. They welcomed their only son, Ron Ramsay, the following year whom they enjoyed watching go on to a flourishing career in music and performance.

Billy enjoyed challenging himself professionally whether starting a bath tub resurfacing business, pumping gas, running a restaurant, or serving as a Pittsfield police officer for seven years. After retiring from Crane & Co. in Dalton, Billy and Sandy made their home in The Villages in Lady Lake, FL from 2007 to present.

The oldest son of William E. & Jennie Ramsey, Billy was born and raised in Pittsfield at the family's homestead on Peck's Rd. from which he and his siblings share countless memories and shared experiences. So many stories! He served in the Army in 1962 and returned home to the Berkshires to begin his adult life. Those that knew him will tell you, Billy flew under the radar, not wanting attention, but would give you the shirt off his back.

Billy's greatest passion, after his family, was sports. He was an avid sportsman, from motor cross, baseball, hang gliding, baseball, racing, baseball and could easily win \$10,000 on "bowling for dollars" or pool tournaments on television. With many bowling championships under his belt,

he was dubbed "King of the Hill." Did we mention baseball? Billy was able to witness first-hand the big leagues of baseball when he became an integral supporter in the career of his brother-in-law, relief pitcher, Jeff Reardon. Billy especially loved the Minnesota Twins and, above all, the Boston Red Sox. And then there was golf, where his skills left something to be desired. Billy is survived by his wife of 58 years, Sandra Ann (Reardon) Ramsey, his son Ron E. Ramsay, sister, Debra Fortune of Houston, TX, David Ramsey (Frieda) of Pittsfield, Joseph Ramsey (Sandi) of Pittsfield and Charles Ramsey (Ellen) of Pittsfield. He is also survived by countless members of his extended family. Billy was pre-deceased by his parents Jennie P. Ramsey (1920-22) William E. Ramsey (1918-2014) his niece, Dawn Ramsey-Jacobsson (1970 – 2017) and nephew, Shane Reardon (1983 – 2004) with whom he shared a special relationship and fond 4th of July memories. There will be no calling hours and final arrangements will be private. Condolences may be sent to Ron Ramsay at 100 East Housatonic St. Pittsfield, MA 01201.

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Billy. I worked with Billy at Crane &Co. And we became friends. Billy was an exceptional man and great friend. My heart goes out to Sandy and family. Billy was always so proud of his family and spoke highly of Jeff and Jimmy especially. He was a great friend and will be truly missed by all who had the privilege to know him.*

Joe Ulrich - March 10, 2024 at 11:06 AM