



William C. O'Connor

January 6, 1931 - May 21, 2020

DANVERS- On Thursday, May 21, 2020, William Crowley O'Connor passed away at Beverly Hospital at the age of 89. Born in Danvers, on January 6, 1931, Bill was the son of Michael O'Connor and Nora (Crowley) O'Connor. He is pre-deceased by his parents and six siblings including John O'Connor, Eileen Cullen, Mary O'Connor, David O'Connor, Philip O'Connor, and Nancy Riley, as well as several nephews, nieces, and cousins.

For 87 years, Bill resided in Danvers with his sister, Mary, until her death at age 93. Most recently, he was a resident at the Herrick House in Beverly. Born during the Great Depression, Bill helped to contribute to the family's welfare by delivering newspapers and working at Tutko's Farm as a young boy. He later attended St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers, an experience that impacted him in a profound and positive way. Throughout his life, Bill spoke fondly of his student days at the Prep and of his great respect for the Xaverian Brothers who instructed him.

Following high school, Bill attended Merrimack College and ultimately accepted employment at Craig Industries, where he worked until his retirement in 1993. A lifelong bachelor, Bill was a private person who was affectionately known as "the quiet man", although his quick wit was legendary. He took great pride in caring for his two properties, one on the Putnam Reservoir in Danvers and the other at Wingersheek Beach in Gloucester. He also loved dogs and was never without a trusted canine companion at his side. A voracious reader, he was well-versed in both history and politics and always ready to debate the latter. Bill also cherished his Catholic faith and was a long-standing congregant at Saint Mary of the Annunciation Church.

With the exception of a small circle of acquaintances, Bill's family members were his dearest friends. He was a devoted son, brother, and nephew, caring for his elderly parents and sister, while also regularly visiting ill and aging relatives. Always willing to lend a hand, he would rake his sister's leaves, deliver someone to the airport, or chauffeur young nieces to church on their wedding days. Siblings, cousins, nieces, and nephews thoroughly enjoyed his company and looked forward to spending summer days with him at the beach

house or gathering at his Danvers home for skating, sledding, and holiday celebrations.

Bill's affection for his family was returned in kind. In his later years, when his health began to fail, devoted nieces and nephews honored him by visiting regularly, running errands, taking him on excursions to favorite restaurants, and assisting with his medical care. Bill knew that he was well-loved and that the love was well-deserved. And, so, Bill, we pray that "until we meet again, God will hold you in the palm of His hand".

Bill is survived by many extended family members including cousins, nieces, and nephews as well as dear family friends.

His Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11AM on September 4, 2021 in Saint Mary of the Annunciation Church, 24 Conant St., Danvers. Donations may be made in Bill's memory to the Office of Institutional Advancement, St. John's Preparatory School, 72 Spring Street, Danvers, MA 01923.

Events

SEP **Memorial Mass** 11:00AM

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Saint Mary of the Annunciation Church
24 Conant Street, Danvers, MA, US, 01923

Comments



“ Bill was a wonderful Man, I enjoyed many laughs with him. I always looked forward to our conversations about the place we met at, and all it's shenanigans and problems. I wished I had met him earlier in life. A real true caring gentlemen. I was very touched by his presence and thought about him often after he left LDM in Beverly. Feel bad that I didn't see him on his last journey. A great Man with a Large Heart. I will miss him! Till we meet again, say a good word for me Bill you know me...lol
Cynthia

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“ Bill was someone that you could always have a good laugh with, he always had a funny story to tell. Bill was someone who saw potential in others, and had a big heart for all of those around. He could always put a smile on your face, even when you are down. Bill was someone I looked up too, because he was someone who never gave up on anything he put his mind too, and always had a positive attitude. Bill was always smiling and asking how you are , always there to guide you with advice if you needed it. He was just an overall wonderful human being, and I'm glad I got to meet him, and some of his nieces and nephews as well. Bill made my job worth going too, and I hope one day I get to say hello again. My sincere and biggest condolence is to bills family. Rest In Peace Bill O'Connor

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