



## William F. Biswanger

May 28, 1950 - January 19, 2022

TOWNSEND: William F. "Bill" Biswanger, 71, loving spouse, father, brother, uncle, grandfather, respiratory therapist and outdoorsman, passed away Wednesday, January 19, 2022, after a courageous battle with COVID-19.

Bill was born May 28, 1950 to the late Albert and Cynthia (Parshley) Biswanger and grew up in Medford. He graduated from Medford High school class of 1969, where he held many records in baseball. Bill then continued his education at Newbury College graduating in 1973.

He moved to Townsend in 1984 where he has lived for 35 years.

Bill was proud of his career as respiratory therapist for over 50 years. He also served his community as a firefighter, EMT, and owner of Harbor Home Healthcare.

Bill's love for the outdoors was like no other which came from spending many summers at Brantwood Camp during his youth. He was everyone's go to for the best fishing spots around and wrote an outdoors column for the Lowell Sun for 34 years. He was a lifetime member and former President of the Townsend Rod and Gun Club, and always said the club was one of his favorite places on earth. He was a New England Sports enthusiast, forever yelling at the TV during any Boston Red Sox or New England Patriots games.

Anyone who knew Bill was touched by his kindness and humor. He loved his family and friends and adored all 12 of his grandchildren. He truly was a remarkable person and will be missed by so many who loved him.

His memory will be cherished and kept alive by his wife Jean M. (Bedard) Biswanger; his daughters, Sandy Oser and her husband , John of Ashby, Lori Edwards of NC, Brooke Biswanger of Thornton, NH; his stepchildren, Julie Riley of New Ipswich, NH, Jodi Taubert of Florida, Jill Taubert of Quincy and William Taubert of Townsend; his brothers, Robert Biswanger and his wife Julie of Burlington, Kenneth Biswanger and his significant other

Linda Bedinger of Gardner, his sister Carol Seidlich of Leominster; his twelve grandchildren, nieces and nephews as well as his extended family and an abundance of friends.

Bill's family will receive family and friends at calling hours 4-7PM Thursday, January 27, 2022 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street (Rte 119) Townsend Center. For additional information or to leave an online condolence, please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com). Masks are required for those in attendance.

Funeral services will be held 11 AM Friday on the Funeral Home. Interment at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford will be held privately.

Donations made in his name to Brantwood Camp at [brantwood.org](http://brantwood.org).

Bill's Service was recorded, and is available to view at the following link below: <https://my.gather.app/remember/william-f-biswanger>

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JAN **27**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend  
250 Main Street ~ Route 119  
Townsend, MA 01469

## Funeral Service

JAN **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend  
250 Main Street ~ Route 119  
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# Tribute Wall

CB

“ Carol Biswanger lit a candle in memory of William F. Biswanger



Carol Biswanger - February 01 at 03:25 PM

CB

Your now with Mom and Dad. I know we will all be reunited  
God Bless, your little sister Carol

Carol Biswanger - February 01 at 03:27 PM



“ Gable Gift Box was purchased for the family of William F. Biswanger.



January 31 at 11:53 AM



“ I met Bill at an Intro to Fishing for Women class at the Townsend club. When I saw him I told him I had really been fishing throughout my life and I just wanted to meet him because he was famous in the area! He was so kind and continued to be in touch with me for his last 2/3 years about various events at the club. I will miss him. I just bought a cabin on Stiles Lake and told him I wanted him to visit this summer to show me the best fishing spots. Jean and the family are in my thoughts.



Heidi Whitehair - January 28 at 06:46 PM



“ *Bill and I met through National Wild Turkey Federation events and became friends. He was generous and engaging and fun to be around. While he had many setbacks in his later years, he remained positive and faced his challenges head on... always with an eye to get back to the outdoors he loved. He was blessed and thankful to have Jean as his love and his friend. Rest In Peace, my friend.*



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**Kenneth Brown** - January 26 at 09:42 PM



“ *My heart goes out to Jean and all of Bill's other loved ones who are in my thoughts and prayers, this day. Bill and I met and became good, dear, friends, back in the 80s, when we worked together on TR&G Zoning matters. Bill was everything others who knew him have shared and more. He has always been my go to, for hunting and fishing, as well as just a good friend to talk to. I will certainly miss him, for now. God bless.*

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**John Wilder** - January 25 at 12:47 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of William F. Biswanger.*



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January 25 at 10:00 AM

NB

“ *If you are a hunter, fisherman, or just enjoyed the outdoors without taking anything away but memories, Bill was your go-to-guy for advise. As a member of the Townsend Rod and Gun club, his input and wisdom will be missed. It is easy to understand why his Sports column was so successful, as it reflected his life experience, both with people and the environment. Farewell Bill, the trail is yours.....*

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**Niles Busler** - January 24 at 05:30 PM

KK

“ *Bill was always very good to me. I will miss him and his fishing reports. :) may there be great fishing spots in heaven.. Love you Bill I will miss you lots.*

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**Kathleen Kenyon** - January 24 at 03:39 PM

SV

“ *Star Decelles A Co Worker At Sterling V lit a candle in memory of William F. Biswanger*



Star decelles a co worker at sterling v - January 23 at 10:37 PM



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January 23 at 08:51 PM

EB

“ *We were so sorry to hear about Bill's passing. We have known him for many years, Gordon worked for Bill at Harbor Home Health. He was a great guy and will be missed by so many. Our condolences to Jean and the family.*  
*Gordon and Eloise Blanchard*  
*Dunedin, FL*

Eloise Blanchard - January 23 at 07:49 PM

MM

“ *So very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I knew Bill from town and from Nashoba. My sympathy to his family and to Billy's family members that I knew; Jean and Jill.*

*Mary Majkut*  
*Orleans, MA*

Mary Majkut - January 23 at 06:34 PM

MM

*Sorry, meant Bill's family. Not Billy.*

Mary Majkut - January 23 at 06:35 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of William F. Biswanger.*



January 23 at 05:21 PM

JP

“ *Bill was a good man and a hard working member of the community. His friendship with my father, Dann, was so nice. He was also a friend of my son-in-law, Robert. He left this world a better place.*

**Jayne Colburn Perkins** - January 23 at 09:38 AM

KJ

“ *I was saddened to hear of Bills passing. I met Bill through Sterling Village while my husband was a patient there. He was very pleasant and always took time for everyone. Condolences to all the family.*

**Karen Januskiewicz** - January 22 at 08:06 PM

PM

“ *I met Bill through our mutual love of the outdoors. Specifically, the Great American Wild Turkey brought a great group of guys and families together. We all met through the National Wild Turkey Federation. Attending fund raising banquets, becoming members and volunteering with local chapters. Bills' outdoor columns would sometimes feature pieces about the organization or mentions of several of us and our travels around the country pursuing wild turkey or other wild game. But, it was the intimate gatherings either in NY or MA, that will leave the most precious memories. Throughout his recent difficulties, Bill would always employ his direct manner and humor, at these gatherings. It would always cause me to nearly shoot a mouthful of damn good wine out of my nose! He may have labored in the field a bit in his last years. But he set one hell of an example for his friends. We'll be raising a toast this coming spring turkey season to Bill. And be missing him dearly,*

*Phil McCarthy*

**Phil McCarthy** - January 22 at 09:41 AM

BR

“ *My condolences to the family. Bill will surely be missed.*

**Brenda Rodgers** - January 22 at 08:59 AM

JP

“ It was a lifelong friend who I was always in touch with particularly around the time of the reunions. Most recently I saw him at the last reunion it was a pleasure as usual. A funny guy great smile rest in peace

JUDY PITASI - January 21 at 11:24 PM

JK

“ Uncle Bill will be missed by many. He was a great person, kind and loving. He helped many over the years in so many ways. He was a true outdoorsman too. The world is a sadder place without him.

Jarrid Kerns - January 21 at 08:38 PM

DB

“ My dearest Bill, I have known you now for thirty years. You have been a friend and mentor. It has been a privilege to have known you and to have worked for and with you. You will never be forgotten, but you will be sadly missed. Until we meet again my friend, Rest In Peace.



Dianne Brousseau - January 21 at 08:26 PM

RB

“ Ralph and Adele Bagarella purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Basket for the family of William F. Biswanger.



Ralph and Adele Bagarella - January 21 at 08:12 PM

MM

“ Prayers to Bill N HIS FAMILY.I'VE KNOWN Bill for many years thru the hospital an as a friend May you rest in peace .I will miss you. Mary Jane



maryjane main - January 21 at 08:06 PM

SO

“ I love you Dad. I'm so sorry this happened to you.

Sandy Oser - January 21 at 07:16 PM

LO

“ I am so saddened to hear of Bill's passing. Our family was touched by Bill's kindness and compassion while my mother was a patient at Sterling Village. In addition to his respiratory expertise, Bill used humor to relate to his patients on a more personal level. His visits often brightened our mom's days, and we appreciated his kindness.

Lisa Odom - January 21 at 05:27 PM

LB

“ I'm so sorry to hear about his passing



Lorraine Butler - January 21 at 04:31 PM

WJ

“ Bill. You have been an outstanding member of KOKA and your life has exemplified the Christian ideals of a true Knight. The good fight is over. May you Rest In Peace.

Wesley Foote, Jr. - January 21 at 01:49 PM

JS

“ My condolences to all of Bill's family. I have many memories of Bill. I honestly could not and will not pass a body of water and not think about Bill and our adventures of years past.  
John Schlesinger

john schlesinger - January 21 at 01:02 PM