



William C. Burgoyne

July 21, 1954 - March 5, 2022

West Townsend- William C. Burgoyne, 67, of West Townsend, died unexpectedly in his home on Saturday evening March 5, 2022.

He was born in Malden on July 21, 1954 a son of the late Carl Burgoyne and graduated from Malden Catholic High School. Shortly after graduation he joined the U.S. Navy and served until his honorable discharge.

He was a self-employed software engineer for the past several years and was previously employed at EMC, Sterimatics and Honeywell. Bill enjoyed spending his time outdoors with his garden, clearing the land, and wrapping up the day sitting by a cozy fire. Bill also loved nothing more than spending all the time he could with his children.

He leaves his son, Michael Burgoyne of Pensacola, FL; two daughters, Devon Burgoyne of Portsmouth, VA and Kathleen Burgoyne of Portland, ME; his mother, Helen (Donehey) Burgoyne of Wilmington; his former wife, Arlene (McCafferty) Burgoyne of Townsend; two brothers, Kevin Burgoyne and Paul Burgoyne both of Medford; and many nephews and nieces.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, March 14, 2022, from 3 to 5 PM in the T.J. Anderson & Son Funeral Home, 250 Main St. (Rte. 119), Townsend Center.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Townsend Public Library Endowment Fund, 12 Dudley Rd., Townsend, MA 01469

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 14. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

LN

“ Kevin, so sorry to hear of the passing of your brother Bill. I remember him well as a boy on Evans St. God be with him.



Lillian L. Natola - March 14 at 09:32 AM

KB

Thank you, Mrs. Natola. I hope all is well. Please say hello to the kids for me.

Kevin Burgoyne - March 15 at 12:14 AM

KB

“ With Bill’s passing, our family lost a wonderful son, brother, father, husband and uncle. Those in his orbit outside the family lost a great and loyal friend. Anyone who knew him more than casually knows that the world lost a brilliant, beautiful mind. I worked for many years alongside many highly intelligent people, but not one of them could hold a candle to Bill. He has always been the smartest person I’ve ever known, and that’s not hyperbole. It’s a simple fact.

One of his best traits was never wavering in his beliefs. From the time he was a little boy he could not be swayed by others. He would dig in and fight for what he believed, at times to his detriment, but never to his dishonor. I learned a great deal from him and I was lucky and proud to be his brother.

Thank you, Bill. I love you and I miss you. Rest in peace.

Kevin Burgoyne - March 14 at 04:58 AM

MW

A brilliant and fascinating man and true to himself and beliefs. Miss him much too. Billy has a place in my heart.

Marilyn Wood - April 25 at 05:38 PM

MW

“ Dear Burgoyne family I am saddened by the passing of Billy I send my deepest condolences to all of you. He was loved by family very much.

Sympathies,
Marilyn Wood
(formerly Marilyn Burgoyne)

Marilyn Wood - March 12 at 11:50 PM

KB

Thank you for the kind words, Marilyn. I hope you are doing well.

Kevin

Kevin Burgoyne - March 14 at 05:00 AM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of William C. Burgoyne.*



March 11 at 07:05 PM

HB

“ *Helen Burgoyne purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of William C. Burgoyne.*



Helen Burgoyne - March 11 at 04:04 PM



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



March 09 at 07:53 PM

PK

“ *Bill was a complex man with a simple view of life. He believed in old style families as well as the creative innovations of humanity. It was a fantastic soup, stirred by energetic debate, perhaps a cognac or two but always with humor which often ended in raucous laughter or a simple agree to disagree. He and I always saw the world differently, but we always made a point to hear each other out. This is respect in it's most basic form. In it's purest form.*

It doesn't matter what came after, he delivered this abiding lesson to me and I will be forever grateful as it's formed my desire to hear the context of all people and give their view a chance. The only requirement was a willingness to listen and a desire to search for the truth. Our contrarian friendship, our interest in debate and the acceptance of one another is perhaps the greatest lesson about listening I'll ever discover. A heady brew that we should all sip from in a divisive time.

When I was down at the very bottom he gave me a helping hand... no strings, out of the blue, he gave to me as a friend. He didn't care that I didn't hold to his worldview, he just cared that I cared enough to understand him. The lessons I learned form him never left me and will never leave me. It is a lesson that I try to impart to others.

When he passed we had not spoken in years... many times I wanted to reach out but didn't make the time. Now he's gone and I'll never get that opportunity.

So, recalling all that we have shared, I will lift a cognac to you my friend and toast your spirit, your energy, and above all your devotion to your family and friends. Be at peace my friend.

Paul Keating - March 09 at 07:09 PM

KB

Thank you, Paul. Your memories of Bill mean a lot to all of us.

Kevin Burgoyne - March 14 at 05:04 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of William C. Burgoyne.*



March 09 at 04:09 PM

PA

“ Rest In Peace, Big Brother. Thanks for always being there for me during the early years. I love you and know that you are in a much better place now. 🙏

Paul - March 09 at 03:53 PM

PS

Even tho my cousin Bill and I hadn't seen each other in years, I still felt close to him. He could really make me laugh. A great memory I have is when he was here, in Illinois, stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Base. He had leave...or something and we arranged to come pick him up so he could spend some time with us. We drove around our little town...laughing and singing along to the radio. I remember him making "fun" of the way we talked. It was great fun. Bill, I know you are resting in peace. I'm certain our family was up and waiting for your arrival. Save me a place near you. We can laugh once again. 😊
Your cousin,
Peggy Donehey Swyter

Peggy Donehey Swyter - March 09 at 08:03 PM