



William E. 'Bill' Donnelly, Jr.

October 16, 1959 - July 31, 2022

SHIRLEY – William E. 'Bill' Donnelly, Jr., 62 of Shirley, passed away on Sunday, July 31, 2022 surrounded by family.

Born in Milton on October 16, 1959, Bill was a son to the late William E. and Jean (Morris) Donnelly.

Bill was an avid outdoorsman but was best known for being an incredible skier, a passion that took him from the peaks of Bolton Valley all the way to the French Alps and eventually led him into the arms of his wife Peg. Bill loved nothing more than skiing with his family, friends, his brothers and his children; it was truly his happy place. He was also an incredible mountain biker; a 'hobby' that once led him on the a trip of a lifetime down the entire California coast and lasted until his final days. He was a handyman around the house and would always help with any projects when friends or family needed an extra hand. Most important of all, Bill was a true family man; a loving and caring person with a calming personality that everyone he came in contact with felt deeply.

Bill is lovingly survived by his wife, Peg; and his children, Caroline and Peter. Bill was a very loving and proud father. He is also survived by his two brothers, Brian (Paula) Donnelly of Weymouth and David (Julie) Donnelly of Weymouth as well as his brother-in-law, Tim (Rebecca) Horgan of Centreville,

VA; father and mother-in-law, Phil and Pat Horgan of Ayer; and a proud uncle to many nieces and nephews.

His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at 11:00 AM at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 14 Phoenix St, Shirley. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Ayer. Calling hours will be held from 4-7 PM on Friday, August 5, 2022 at Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, Ayer. For additional information or for online condolences, please visit www.andersonfuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of William Donnelly to support cancer research and patient care at, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via www.dana-farber.org/gift.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemtery

Bishop Rd.
Ayer, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Funeral Mass

AUG 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony's Church
14 Phoenix Street
Shirley, MA

Burial

AUG 6 (ET)

St. Mary's Cemtery
Bishop Rd.
Ayer, MA

Tribute Wall



“ *Billy and I had a lot of fun skiing together in Utah and at Mildred ski house at Waterville valley. He will be missed, Gary Liebert*

gary liebert harts inc - August 05, 2022 at 04:25 PM



“ *The Cashton Family purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of William E. 'Bill' Donnelly, Jr..*



The Cashton Family - August 04, 2022 at 01:53 PM



“ *White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of William E. 'Bill' Donnelly, Jr..*



August 04, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ *Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White was purchased for the family of William E. 'Bill' Donnelly, Jr..*



August 04, 2022 at 12:15 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of William E. 'Bill' Donnelly, Jr..*



August 04, 2022 at 11:28 AM



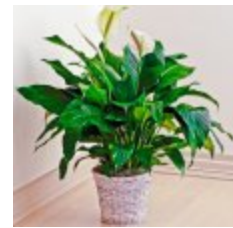
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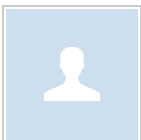
August 04, 2022 at 10:03 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of William E. 'Bill' Donnelly, Jr..*



August 03, 2022 at 08:12 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of William E. 'Bill' Donnelly, Jr..*



August 03, 2022 at 04:49 PM

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“ Aunt Sally, Cousin Sally, Michael, Susan, Jim and Sandra Dolan purchased the Red & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of William E. 'Bill' Donnelly, Jr..



Aunt Sally, Cousin Sally, Michael, Susan, Jim and Sandra Dolan - August 03, 2022 at 03:26 PM

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“ Foster Creative Designs purchased the Cherished Memories - All White for the family of William E. 'Bill' Donnelly, Jr..



Foster Creative Designs - August 03, 2022 at 03:11 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of William E. 'Bill' Donnelly, Jr..



August 03, 2022 at 12:20 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of William E. 'Bill' Donnelly, Jr..



August 03, 2022 at 08:32 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of William E. 'Bill' Donnelly, Jr..*



August 03, 2022 at 04:28 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of William E. 'Bill' Donnelly, Jr..*



August 02, 2022 at 08:53 PM



“ *The Lau Family purchased the White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of William E. 'Bill' Donnelly, Jr..*



The Lau Family - August 02, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ *Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White was purchased for the family of William E. 'Bill' Donnelly, Jr..*



August 02, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of William E. 'Bill' Donnelly, Jr..*



August 02, 2022 at 12:48 PM



“ *I am so sorry to read this. My condolences to all of Bill's family.*

Denise Stepleton - August 02, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ *Peter Bonome lit a candle in memory of William E. 'Bill' Donnelly, Jr.*



Peter Bonome - August 02, 2022 at 07:55 AM

PB

“ When I was young Billy always spoke to me like I was important, even when I didn't feel that way. Billy always made me feel welcome even when I was unsure of myself. As I got older Billy continued to speak to me like I was important and I was welcome. Thanks to Billy I try to make people feel important and welcome.... even when they don't feel that way..... even when I don't feel that way. Always a smile, always a pat on the back, always an encouraging word, always the love, always the memories. Family bonds are strong and Billy new it, Billy lived it and Billy will live on in me and all of us. Love comes from inside and comes out, Billy will always be in me, I will try to make sure his best qualities come out, especially the love and kindness. Thank you Billy.

Peter Bonome - August 02, 2022 at 07:53 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of William E. 'Bill' Donnelly, Jr..



August 02, 2022 at 07:23 AM