



William J. Gustus

January 9, 1953 - September 19, 2022

Lunenburg, MA - William J. Gustus, of Lunenburg, passed away in his home on Monday morning, September 19, 2022, surrounded by his loving family.

Bill was born in Lowell, MA, on January 9, 1953, a son of the late Walter and Rita (Fleming) Gustus and grew up in Wilmington. A graduate of Wilmington High School, Wesleyan University, and New England School of Law, Bill joined the Peace Corp and served in Malaysia for two years before embarking on a career in law and local government.

Bill owned and operated Settlers Crossing Golf Course in Lunenburg and the Westminster Golf & Country Club in Westminster with his wife and business partner Donnie Lyons. Prior to his retirement he was the Town Administrator for the Town of Lynnfield, and the Chief Administrative and Financial Officer for the Town of Lunenburg. His career also included serving multiple roles in Middlesex County government, General Counsel at Cummings Properties, and being appointed CFO for the City of Gloucester.

He enjoyed many years of worldwide travel with his wife Laura, family and many of his closest friends.

Bill leaves his wife, Laura Caron-Gustus of Lunenburg; his 9 children, Casey Gustus and his wife Cathy of Wayland, Kelly Gustus and her husband Jeremy of Wayland, John Gustus and his wife Emily of Wrentham, Timothy Gustus

and his wife Kara of Melrose, Michael Gustus and Jeffrey Gustus both of Woburn, his step-children, Jason Brailsford and his wife Mariah of Lunenburg, Tanya Eberlin and her husband Craig of Ashburnham and Kristin Trumble and her husband Matt of St. Clair Shores, MI; his brother, Stephen Gustus and his wife Tracy of Sommerville, 13 grandchildren, former wife Theresa Gustus of Wayland, and many nephews and nieces.

He is predeceased by a brother Leonard Gustus.

His Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, September 27, at 10AM in Our Lady of the Lake Church, 1400 Main St., Leominster. Calling hours will be held on Monday, September 26, from 4 to 7 PM in the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP **26.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Mass

SEP **27.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Lake Church
1400 MainSt.
Leominster, MA 01453

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Selamat jalan, kawan.

D. Reed RPCV Goup 89 Malaysia - December 12, 2022 at 10:29 AM

RW

“ As a member of the Board of Selectmen I was fortunate to work closely with Bill on many initiatives to improve the town finances and infrastructure, the management of the School Building Project, and later the development of Market Street. He was a thoughtful, creative, strategic thinker with an encyclopedic knowledge of many disciplines which he used with much success to address a wide variety of challenges and proactively respond to opportunities. The Lynnfield community benefitted tremendously from his years of diligent service as Town Administrator. I thoroughly enjoyed my time working with Bill and sharing a lot of laughs and good times in the process. Peggy and I extend our condolences to Bill's family. Bob Whalen, former member of the Lynnfield Board of Selectmen

Robert M Whalen - September 26, 2022 at 04:02 PM

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“ All Our Love, Alyssa, Beau, Mallory & Tim purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of William J. Gustus.



All Our Love, Alyssa, Beau, Mallory & Tim - September 26, 2022 at 09:49 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of William J. Gustus.*



September 24, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Bill was an excellent Town Administrator. He was loyal, intelligent, innovative and an excellent problem solver. He was very supportive of his department heads and all Town employees. When the Fire Department needed a new Tower Ladder, he found a way to make the purchase happen. I thoroughly enjoyed working for Bill and especially his dry sense of humor. Anne and I extend our deepest condolences to Bill's family. Paul Romano, Retired Police & Fire Chief, Town of Lynnfield.*

Paul Romano - September 24, 2022 at 08:15 AM



“ *I met Bill at Wesleyan, he was a DKE frat member. He was a great guy and I was looking forward to seeing him in the future at a Homecoming. I am so sorry to hear about his passing. He will be missed by many. My deepest condolences to his family. Charles Cocomes*

Charles Cocomes - September 23, 2022 at 08:05 PM



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



September 22, 2022 at 10:31 PM



“ *Employees of WGCC purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Basket for the family of William J. Gustus.*



Employees of WGCC - September 22, 2022 at 01:52 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of William J. Gustus.*



September 22, 2022 at 11:11 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of William J. Gustus.*



September 21, 2022 at 08:07 PM

DL

“ Bill was a pleasure to work for. Professional and always respectful, not to mention quite the negotiator! Thanks for all your help over the years. Our thoughts and prayers to Laura and the family 💙. Chief Dan Bourgeois Retired LPD.

Dan Bourgeois Retired Chief LPD - September 21, 2022 at 01:25 PM

DL

“ Bill Gustus was much more than a partner to my wife Peggy and my family and I. I have been lucky 🍀 enough to call Bill a Dear Friend for 18 years. Peggy and I were lucky enough to have socialize and travel with Bill and Laura on numerous occasions. Bill and I had many fun times on golf courses over the years. Some of the best of those times were at Cape Ann GC in Essex Mass where Bill and one of his longtime friends Joe Pratt would have their Friday afternoon grudge matches for the beloved \$2 bill. Not only were we great friends as well as partners, he taught me a tremendous amount of business savvy . My heart ❤️ goes out to Laura and of course both of their families, many children and grandchildren. My Friend Bill or as affectionately Laura always called him, Billy was as more concerned about taking care of others and never worried about himself. There is definitely a lesson there. The World 🌍 has lost a Great Human Being. RIP BILL. Donnie Peggy and The Lyons Family. God Bless Laura 🙏

Donald Lyons - September 21, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of William J. Gustus.



September 21, 2022 at 10:38 AM