



William J. Schaefer, of Ayer

April 27, 1959 - December 8, 2025

AYER: William J. Schaefer, 66, an Ayer resident for over 40 years, died Monday, December 8, 2025 at University of Massachusetts – Memorial Hospital, Worcester.

William was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, April 27, 1959, a son of the late Donald F. Schaefer, Sr., and Lillian M. (Mulvihill) Schaefer and was a 1977 graduate of Ayer High School.

Following his graduation from high school, William enlisted and served in the United States Navy.

He had worked as a warehouse worker at the Gillette Distribution Center at Devens.

He leaves his brother, Donald F. Schaefer, Jr. of Ayer; his sister and brother in law, Mary C. and Craig Erban of Leominster; two nephews, Gerald Herrmann, Benjamin Herrmann; two nieces, Shannon Schaefer and Justine Herrmann; three great nieces, Norah Herrmann, Vivian Herrmann and Eliza Herrmann; one great nephew, Chase LaVoie.

Committal prayers will be held privately at St. Mary's Cemetery, Ayer.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemtery

Bishop Rd.
Ayer, MA

Tribute Wall

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“ *Very sorry to hear of Billy’s passing, he was always a friendly neighbor loved animals- and his kitty’s. If he passed by when we were walking the dogs he would stop and make sure they each got a dog treat, ., rest in peace Billy.
your neighbors,
The Breest and Rockwood Families*

cbreest - December 12, 2025 at 12:42 PM

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“ *I am so sorry to hear this. He was always such a good neighbor, a gentle soul with a such a genuine compassion for animals. Prayers to his family Rest in Peace Bill*

Kathleen E. Hebb - December 11, 2025 at 08:53 AM

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“ *Bill, may you rest in peace now with your Mom and Dad. Mary, Don Jr. and family, I am keeping you all in my heart and prayers at this time. I love you all and miss you terribly. Till we all meet again....*

James Mulvihill - December 10, 2025 at 02:56 PM