



William Douglas (Bill) Vanasse

December 5, 2023

Bill, 78, of Bedford, NS, died peacefully on December 5, 2023 surrounded by his loving wife Kathie and many close family members. Born on May 20, 1945 he was raised in Central Falls, Rhode Island. He was a proud member of the US Navy which brought him to Halifax where he fell in love with a local girl, who he eventually went on to marry. After serving in the Navy he had various careers leading him to his favorite - a high school teacher. He finally retired and made the move to Halifax to marry Kathie and they were married for 13 years.

He is survived by his wife, Kathie; brother Mike (Donna) Vanasse; brothers-in-law Doug Earle, Bob Earle (Diane); sisters-in-law Elizabeth Savory Duval (Ben) and Rosemary Kuehn (John); nieces Alicia and Ashley in Rhode Island; many nieces and nephews in Halifax.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 12:15 pm, Thursday, December 14, 2023 at Saint Benedict Parish, 45 Radcliffe Dr. Reception to follow. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Kathie, so sorry to hear about Bill's death. Sending you love, prayers, and sympathy. I remember you looking forward to your wedding, waiting for Bill to retire and move here - a beautiful love story. May he rest in peace and may your memories comfort you at this sad time. God bless, Dinah

Dinah Simmons - December 18, 2023 at 07:44 AM

SA

“ Mr. Vanasse, definitely the most memorable science teacher I ever had. I remember learning so much in his class, from dinosaurs, to sulfur and other elements, and my favorite, getting caught chewing gum with the mooing cow on his desk. Lol. Rest in peace Mr. Vanasse.

Samantha - December 17, 2023 at 12:28 AM

ML

“ Dear Kathie, I am sorry to hear of your husband's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Marie LeRue

Marie LeRue - December 15, 2023 at 02:56 PM

TB

“ Mr. Vanessa, was an incredible mentor to me as middle school student. I remember him talking about this wonderful woman he met whom he'd later go on to marry. You always inspired me with your stories. You always encouraged us to believe in ourselves. Thank you for leaving this world a better place. Rest easy.

Troy Bliss - December 14, 2023 at 09:01 PM

AB

“ *Mr. Vanasse was probably my favorite teacher in middle school. He always encouraged my passions and interest in science and expected a lot because he knew his students were capable of a lot. I learned to do work I was proud of from him. Fair winds, Mr. Vanasse. You made a difference in my life.*

Amber Bliss - December 14, 2023 at 08:52 PM

AS

“ *Never forgotten, that's for sure! I was just telling my partner about the yard sticks and the tennis balls! Thank you for all the learning experiences and I'm so happy that Mr Vanasse had such a wonderful retirement and end years with his love. What a big life. Rest in peace*

Aedan Silva - December 14, 2023 at 08:40 PM

KG

“ *Mr. Vanasse was one of the best teachers I've ever had! He fostered a deep love of science in his students and never failed to scare us straight with those tennis balls. He was eccentric in the best way possible. Told us he had a pet skunk, which to this day I still have no idea if that was true or not, the man loved a story. And I'll never forget him telling us about how he fell in love with you Kathy and his dream of retiring and moving to be with you. I'm so glad to see he did. Sending my sincerest condolences to your family.*

Katerina Gaglione - December 14, 2023 at 12:32 PM

JM

“ Thank you for being one of the best science teachers ever! To this day when I see a tennis ball I always thought of you. You taught us Morse code and how to track ships and that was soo cool. I learned what Bovine Excrement was at an early age. Thank you so much for everything. You are truly missed.



Joe Morin - December 14, 2023 at 12:25 PM

KM

“ This man was the best damn teacher I ever had! Such a wonderful loving guy. If you fell asleep in his class he would bounce a tennis ball off your head(gently) My sincerest condolences 🌸

Kayla Manish - December 14, 2023 at 11:18 AM

DN

“ Kathie, our sincerest sympathies to you at this sad time. So shocked to see Bill's obituary today. He was in my prayers this morning (as always). I have chemo tomorrow so I can't attend the funeral. I'm so sorry. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Diane and Steve

Diane Nowell - December 13, 2023 at 08:18 PM

 Laurie Anderson

“ Our sincere condolences to Kathie and all of Bill's family. May he RIP 🙏. Laurie & Bob

Laurie Anderson - December 13, 2023 at 08:09 PM



“ *I remember when we went camping with Kathie and Bill. He was not a camper but reluctantly agreed. His 4 room tent did consist of a bedroom with a queen size bed on a frame and a bathroom. We will miss you Bill. Rest in peace. Sending love to Kathie from Gary , Carol Anne and family. Xo*

Carol Anne Gallant - December 13, 2023 at 09:01 AM

TC

Kathie. I just read of Bill's passing in the Providence Journal. My sincerest condolences. I met Bill in a French class at RI college in the early 70's. We were the only veterans in a class of younger students and naturally and easily became good friends. We often mingled with each other's families; Bill even helped me babysit my son Tom when he was just an infant. Over the years of course, our lives took different turns, but we always stayed in touch. Once again, Kathie, I'm sorry for your loss, but I hope you can take comfort knowing how much he appreciated you — the love of his life — and the love and care you provided.

Sincerely, Tom Conlon

Tom Conlon - December 22, 2023 at 07:45 PM

SS

Dear Kathie: I just happened to come across Bill's Obituary. I was shocked to say the least. I don't get the newspaper every day so I miss these things sometimes. I am so sorry that you have to go through this. If I missed the funeral you'll have to forgive me. Please accept my sincere sympathy. Love from your cousin, Sheila Sullivan.

Sheila Sullivan - December 27, 2023 at 04:51 PM

JK

I remember Bill as a God fearing, intelligent man who was always so interesting to talk to...and also as a huge dog lover who always had my dog George in his lap whenever visiting. Dogs always know who the good people are, and Bill was a good man. Rest in peace, Bill.

Jill Kanter - January 25, 2024 at 11:14 AM