



William (Bill) J. Nadeau Jr.

February 9, 1959 - December 7, 2019

William (Bill) Nadeau, 60, of Lewiston passed away on Saturday, December 7.

He was born in Rumford, Maine on February 9, 1959, the son of William Nadeau, Sr. and wife, Monique. He was a graduate of Rumford High School in 1977 and he continued his studies at Fisher Junior College in opticianry studies.

He worked as a certified industrial optician for Target Industries in Lewiston for 21 years followed by six years with VIP Eyes in Auburn.

He went on to open his own business called Affordable Eyes in 2006. Here he excelled at his craft as an optician where he combined excellent customer service, his jovial people skills and his knack for helping people select the right glasses. He was truly in his element as a business owner. He chose to close the business in 2011 for health reasons.

He had a strong sense of community. He was a Cub Scout leader for three years, a “T-Ball Mom,” and a baseball coach for the South Lewiston Recreation League. He was a communicant at Holy Cross Church where he was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was the ultimate family man, a loving husband and father who was like a Pied Piper always being followed by his two sons and a dog. He had 101 first cousins which he all knew by name. He had a close relationship with his mother and cherished the Friday morning garage sale adventures they shared.

He will be remembered for his boisterous conversations and jovial sense of humor. It could easily be said that he never met a conversation he didn't like. Folks who knew Bill will remember how he would bake brownies for the family of anyone who passed away, no matter who it was.

Surviving family members include his wife of 37 years, Kelly Nadeau, his mother, Monique Nadeau of Lewiston, his sister, Helene Tardif and husband, George, of Berlin, New Hampshire and his brother, David Nadeau and wife, Kathy, of Topsham. Survivors also include his father and mother-in-law, Roland Metayer and Claire Breton of Lewiston, as well as his cherished extended family and friends.

He is also survived by his son, Christopher Nadeau and wife Jenn Paine, and grandson, Mason, of Lewiston, and his son, William (BJ) Nadeau and wife, Katie Marois and grandson, Olivier, of Seabrook, New Hampshire.

He was predeceased by his father, William Nadeau Sr. and nephew, Derek Puia. He also leaves behind two cherished lifelong friends, Tim Welch, currently of Rumford, and Michael Metayer currently of Windham. He met Michael in kindergarten who eventually served as a matchmaker by introducing Bill to his cousin, Kelly, his future wife. The Nadeau family would like to thank his caregivers, Richard Kappleman, MD, the staff of Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice, Hospice House, and the staff at the Lewiston/Auburn Kidney Center.

A Funeral Mass honoring William's life will be celebrated on Thursday at 11:00 AM at Holy Cross Church. Committal services will follow at St. Peter's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be addressed to the Androscoggin Hospice House at 236 Stetson Road, Auburn, ME 04210.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 2-4 & 7-9 PM at the Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home 305 Alfred A. Plourde Parkway in Lewiston 784-4023.

Cemetery

Events

St. Peter's Cemetery

217 Switzerland Rd.
Lewiston, ME,

DEC **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation
Services

305 Alfred Plourde Parkway PO Box 181, Lewiston, ME, US,
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DEC **Visitation** 07:00PM - 09:00PM

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DEC **Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Holy Cross Church

St. Croix Street, Lewiston, ME, US, 04240

Comments



“ Parti bien trop tôt, tu resteras, mon cher Bill, une personne qui aura marqué profondément ma vie et qui restera à jamais dans mes plus beaux souvenirs. Ton départ laissera un énorme vide, mais ton souvenir me permettra de sourire à chaque fois que je penserai aux blagues, aux tours et aux moments que tu m'as fait vivre. Tu as eu toujours le cœur sur la main et le bon mot pour réconforter. Merci pour tout Bill. Je t'embrasse une dernière fois.

Kelly, Christopher et BJ, je vous envoie tout mon amour <3

Marilie Labonté - December 13, 2019 at 05:03 PM



“ Kelly, BJ and Chris ... our thoughts and prayers are with you.

How do we even begin to say how much this man meant to us? He was one of a kind. A typical greeting after not seeing each other for a long time would be, "Aw. There's my two tons of fun. You gained so much weight, I didn't even recognize you." Then he'd lick your face.

We, too, were the recipients of Bill-made pancakes and the recipients of his garage sale finds. You could never out-give Bill. He had a true servant's heart through and through. No matter how sick he was or what he was going through, he always found a smile, a joke, and some way to be doing something for another person. There will never ever be another Bill.

Life just isn't the same without you, my wacky, weird, wonderful friend.

Kim Putnam - December 12, 2019 at 11:44 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Bill's family. He was a kind and gentle soul. I had seen Bill 5 or 6 times over the years since we graduated high school together. He always would ask me how my family was and then "glow" as we would tell me how blessed he was to have such a wonderful wife and children. If the rest of the world could mimic his positive energy and gracious soul it be a much better place. R.I.P. my friend.

Tom Puia.

Tom Puia - December 12, 2019 at 02:03 PM



“ The Mercy Quality Department purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of William (Bill) J. Nadeau Jr..



The Mercy Quality Department - December 12, 2019 at 08:59 AM



“ R.I.P Bill. You will be greatly missed.
Prayers for comfort & peace for your family.

Also, recognition wasn't given to your long time best friend & Hi-Jinx cohort Normand Levesque whom I know will miss you greatly!

Love,
Diane Ouellette Plunkett

DIANE R PLUNKETT - December 11, 2019 at 11:10 AM



“ Bill was definitely one of a kind and a wonderful human being. There was never a time that we saw each other that I did not get a big "Bill" hug. I loved him like a brother. I am sad for his passing and for the loss to his family, but also, I am happy that he is at peace. Rest well, sweet Bill!!

May he R.I.P.
Jeanne Pittman Leggett.

Jeanne Leggett - December 11, 2019 at 10:04 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family - he was a good person always enjoyed a laugh with him when going to VIP Eyes - may he rest in peace and all the good memories live on! Nancy Keith

Nancy Kieth - December 11, 2019 at 07:37 AM



“ Met you and your wife Kelly at Roy's and enjoyed meeting you two you always had a smile and made faces at me from your table your wife was always telling you behave!!! Was very easy to talk to and invited us to your house for new years sorry we didn't make it was so proud of your grand son and turned out that my husband new your daughter in law from St Mary's as she worked there too.I'm sure you will be missed by all that knew you.May you RIP. Roland &Dot Walker

The Walker's - December 10, 2019 at 09:51 PM



“ My neighbor, Bill, or Guillaume as I often called him, was one of the nicest and generous persons I have ever met. He was always the go-to person for neighborhood news because he was very sociable while taking his daily walks. I will miss his gentle nature. Ed Plourde

Ed Plourde - December 10, 2019 at 07:32 PM



“ To Kelly and her sons, my sincere condolences for your loss. Bill was one of a kind. Fond memories of us watching our sons play baseball together while Kelly was assistant coach. His sense of humor will be greatly missed by all who knew him. God Bless my friend . See you on the other side.

Denise C Dennis - December 10, 2019 at 04:24 PM



“ Bill, dear friend, we miss you already. You were the sunshine in life, your generous spirit was infectious, as was your wild sense of humor! We will have a candle in the window for you buddy. Until we meet in heaven, love Cindy and Jerry

cindy - December 10, 2019 at 07:43 AM



“ Jeannine Pratt Lacharite purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William (Bill) J. Nadeau Jr..



Jeannine Pratt Lacharite - December 10, 2019 at 12:29 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William (Bill) J. Nadeau Jr..



December 09, 2019 at 10:54 PM



“ It was a chilly Easter far from my home in Michigan and I was working as a locum doc for a medical office managed by Kelly. She generously invited me to their family party and it was the first time I met Bill. His warmth and generous spirit made me feel right at home. I've always joked that I could call them from anywhere in the world and say I was coming over for dinner and Bill would ask what I wanted to eat. To Bill, friends were family and vice versa. Everyone who met him was blessed by his joie de vivre and gentle heart. Thank you Bill for all the gifts you shared while you were with us. Missing you already.

Rachel Williams - December 09, 2019 at 08:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William (Bill) J. Nadeau Jr..



December 09, 2019 at 04:30 PM



“ Un bel hommage qui représente bien tout ce que Bill était pour tous. Je garderai en mémoire un cousin toujours aimable et souriant avec un cœur plus gros qu'un autobus. Que de trésors a t'il donné à mes sœurs lors de leurs nombreux voyages de magasinages toujours en passant par chez Bill. On a toujours été bien reçu peu importe le nombre que nous étions. Si en plus nous apportions un gateau aux carottes Bill était comblé. Tu vas nous manquer cher Bill, Gertrude a déjà dû t'accueillir l'autre côté.
Mes plus sincères sympathies à toute la famille. Je ne pourrai y être mais mon cœur et mes pensées sont avec vous.

Paul Morissette à Gertrude et Léo xxx

Paul Morissette - December 09, 2019 at 04:10 PM



“ Ahhhhh..... the realization that it HAS happened, that he is gone..... A dear (dear, dear, dear) cousin with a heart of gold, always willing and able to help, to be present, to have a funny anecdote to share, to lighten up the mood.... Bill, we still feel your presence and always will. To Kelly, Christopher and B.J., my heartfelt condolences. Also to matante Monique who will be heartbroken for some time..... As much as I wanted to be there with you guys, I have a confirmed case of pneumonia so won't be able to "give back" to Bill with my presence. Oh, how I regret this.... Do know that I am thinking about you SO MUCH and am immersed in the wonderful memories left to us by our dear Billy. Big hugs to all. xox . - Cousin SuzAnne (Tremblay)

Tremblay, SuzAnne - December 10, 2019 at 09:07 AM