



William J. Cushing, Jr.

August 6, 1932 - March 22, 2019

William Joseph "Bill" Cushing Jr, 86, of Madison and Southington died late in the evening of Friday March 22nd 2019, surrounded by his loving family. "May the hair on his toes never fall out!"

Born happy early on August 6th 1932 at Meriden Hospital to Helen Ryan Cushing and William J. Cushing, Bill lived a happy life. He was educated in Southington Grammar Schools, Cheshire Academy, class of 1950 and Tufts College, class of 1954.

His unique military service (Army 1955/6) included over a year in a hotel off Avenue George V in Paris, defending the Madams of the Boi de Boulogne and Mademoiselles of Crazy Horse, touring Europe from Stockholm to the walls of Rome, skiing over Germany's highest peak, the Zugspitze, and visiting the Allens in Salthill Galway.

April 25th 1963 his life began anew with marriage to Jean Margaret Reilly. In each of the next four years they welcomed a child of highest quality.

For many years he led The Cushing Company, an Independent Insurance Agency started by his father. He served as Secretary of the School Building Committee, which included overseeing the building of Flanders School, named after the one-room school where his mother first taught.

A longtime summer resident of Madison and member of the Madison Beach Club, Bill and his wife Jean spent recent years residing happily full time in their former summer home. They spent their days enjoying the ocean breezes on their porch and sharing second breakfasts, elevenses, luncheons, afternoon teas, dinners, and suppers with neighbors, friends and passersby.

Raised a Catholic, Bill died a Druid. He leaves his wife Jean Reilly Cushing, his sisters Barbara Hoffman and Nancy Ostheimer, his three sons Will Cushing and his wife Joy of Bristol, Andrew Cushing and his husband Ralph Burr of San Francisco and Norfolk,

Patrick Cushing and his wife Mary Larson of Newtown, his daughter Gretta Cushing of Westport, and five grandchildren who loved their Papa Bill: Dylan, Aidan, Holly, Jasmin and Maceo, in addition to numerous other family members and friends. He was predeceased by his sister Rosemary Kerfoot.

A celebration of his life will be held later at the family's discretion.

"May the wind under your wings bear you where the sun sails and the moon walks."

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“ We miss you "Papa Bill". The journey doesn't end here. Death is just another path, one that we all must take. Enjoy the next adventure. Love you Dad.



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