



William J. Hurney "Bill"

May 10, 1960 - September 7, 2021

William J. "Bill" Hurney passed away peacefully the evening of September 7, 2021 at his home in Santa Barbara, California.

Bill was born May 10, 1960, in Dorchester, Massachusetts to William and Alice Hurney. He spent his youth in the company of his two younger brothers, Jack and Thomas Hurney. Bill had many jobs while growing up, delivering newspapers, being co contractors of "Howes and Hurney, No Job Too Big or Too Small", gas station attendant, to being the doughnut maker at the local Dunkin Doughnuts. His adventurous spirit got him into mischief from time to time but his straight A grades kept him out of too much trouble.

Bill obtained Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He worked his way through college working at a local ski lodge making snow. A great job for the expert skier that he was. After graduation Bill accepted a position with Raytheon Technologies in Goleta, California. He worked at Raytheon for more than 20 years in positions of increasing responsibility, completing his career as a Principal Systems Engineer. He was active in the employee association at Raytheon organizing the epic annual ski trip to Mammoth for many years.

Bill married Janice "Cookie" Newlon on August 9, 1997, in Santa Barbara, CA. Together they enjoyed an active life of tennis, skiing, and travel throughout the world which included a safari in Africa and walking on the Great Wall of China. Cookie's family loved him dearly and embraced his conviviality.

Bill loved his Irish heritage, and his life exemplified the quote by Irish poet

William Butler Yeats: There are no strangers, only friends you have not met yet. He made friends everywhere he went and never had a bad word about anyone. Bill enjoyed a large circle of close friends and was known for his quick wit, love of life, loyalty to the New England Patriots and never letting go of the fun ring.

Bill is survived by his wife Cookie, brothers Jack and Thomas Hurney, nieces Alison Hurney and husband James Lightbody, niece Emily and husband Shane Parker.

A Mass in honor of Bill's life will be held at 11am on Tuesday, September 14th at the Old Mission in Santa Barbara. Memorial contributions may be made to AFTD at www.theaftd.org.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

SEP **14.** 11:00 AM (PT)

Old Mission Santa Barbara
2201 Laguna St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Tribute Wall



“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of Billy. He was an excellent big cousin and the best landlord ever. Anand and I spent the best 4 years on Clapp Ave and Billy was so kind to us the entire time we were there. Sending lots of love and hugs to everyone!*

Kate Athavale - September 21, 2021 at 06:36 PM

KF

“ *Bill and I started our friendship in 1985. Throughout the years we spent a lot of time together: BBQs, holidays, swing dancing, cooking, traveling, partying and being the best of friends.*

I will treasure all the memories and miss Billy the rest of my life.

Love you my friend!

karyn fish - September 18, 2021 at 07:05 PM

JC

“ Guys and gals, look for comfort in Jesus is the first and most important thing for me to say to you all as He is the only thing that got me through Catherine's death. He will put joy in your heart. Ask him for that.

Now for Bill, the memory of Bill first was his intelligence level was off the charts with the personality of a wild and crazy guy. Fun is another word as well as busy. Always doing something or looking to do something and have fun while doing it. I had great times skiing swimming and concert going. There was always a fun moment (stairway Donkey Kong) or jokes thinking back especially hanging with Bill, Bob Stewart, Dave and Peter Brooks. Really special times with Bill and Sue Collagan on the mountain and at UMass. I can still hear Sue giggling with Bill over the silly things we thought up on the chairlifts.

Special guy

Wonderful guy

Gonna miss Bill, but never will forget the moments I had with Bill!

Rest in peace

Thanks for donating his marvelous brain to science.

Something great will come out of that. That was Bill. Great!

Jeff Crocker - September 13, 2021 at 01:31 PM