



Mr. William J. "Billy" Shugrue

September 2, 1955 - January 24, 2025

William J. Shugrue
Loving Father and Grandfather
Lifelong Lowell resident

LOWELL—William J. “Billy” Shugrue, 69, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2025 in Londonderry, NH, surrounded by his loving family. He was the loving husband of Pamela (Howard) Shugrue who passed away on April 28, 2010.

Billy was born in Lowell on September 2, 1955, a son of the late Dolores (Nowak) Shugrue. At a very young age Bill lost his sister Susan to ovarian cancer. This was a big loss in his life and he took on a new role in the family helping his Mom and siblings raising his nephew James. Bill was educated in the Lowell Schools and was a graduate of Lowell High School. Bill graduated and later earned his Master’s Degree from Rivier College.

When Bill was 20 years old, he met the love of his life, doing what they loved most, dancing! They were married for 30 beautiful years raising their two girls, Keri and Jami.

Bill started his career in the tech industry and after being laid off from Lasertron, he went back to school and became a teacher working at both the Butler and Wang schools in Lowell. He truly loved his teaching career. He not only taught science but went into coaching as well. He coached Basketball, Field Hockey and Lacrosse. Being ‘Coach Bill’ was a true passion of his and

he loved this journey with his fellow coaches and all the athletes he met along the way.

Bill was always active. Spending all his extra time with friends and family going to baseball/softball games, cookouts and most importantly cheering on his youngest daughter, Jami, playing Lax throughout their high school and college career.

His final most cherished role was becoming a grandfather to Olivia. They had a very special bond.

As Bill's mental capacity declined due to Alzheimer's, he ended up moving into the All American Assisted Living residence in Londonderry NH. He brought his love for music and dancing along with him. All of the residents and staff loved him and we are so grateful for everything they did for him.

Surviving Bill are his two daughters, Keri Fournier and her husband Terry, and Jami Shugrue; his granddaughter, Olivia; his sister Carole Meehan; his brother Patrick Shugrue and his wife Carla; his sister-in law, Gerrie Corrigan and her husband Joe; his brother-in-law, Gregg Howard; his nieces and nephews, Cindy Manseau, Lisa Shugrue, Emma Meehan, Leah Corrigan, Rachael Shiff, James Lebel, Carney Meehan, and several great nieces and great nephews. Bill was the brother of the late Susan Shugrue, son-in-law of the late William and Rita Howard, and brother-in-law of the late John Meehan.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS MAY CALL AT THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET, LOWELL, ON SUNDAY, FEB. 2, 2025 FROM 1 UNTIL 4 PM. BILL'S FUNERAL SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY MORNING AT 11 AM IN THE FUNERAL HOME. HIS BURIAL WILL FOLLOW IN ST. PATRICK CEMETERY. AS AN EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY, DONATIONS IN BILL'S MEMORY MAY BE MADE TO THE Massachusetts

Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at www.madrc.org/support-us/ or at www.alz.org/donate

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

1251 Gorham Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 458-8464
<http://www.stpatrickcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 2. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home
105 Moore Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 459-9222
sean@faymccabe.com
<https://www.faymccabe.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

FEB 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AT

“ Mr. Shugrue was an amazing teacher, I spent a lot of time engaging in his classes because of how fun it was. and on top of that, I became friends with him, he used to tell me the stories about him and his daughter and what he used to do when he was a kid. I will miss you Mr. Shugrue, you were an amazing teacher and I loved the way you pronounced squirrels. Rest In Peace buddy.

Amine Taha - April 08, 2025 at 12:56 AM

AN

“ This was my Nigerian right here man. I think about him from time to time and how much he inspired both me and my brother. One of the most memorable people I have ever met in my life. He used to crack out the funniest jokes in class respectfully of course I'll never forget "how do you start a Mexican parade?... roll a penny down the street" RIP Mr.Shugrue

Andrew - February 06, 2025 at 10:05 PM

AJ

“ Mr. Shugrue was the best teacher I had in my middle school years. He was such a genuine person with such a bright smile every time I walked into his classroom! We share the same birthday and couldn't be any happier to have a Virgo twin! Sending out hugs and condolences to his family and loved ones❤️!

A'myaha johnson - February 04, 2025 at 05:59 PM

SY

“ *Mr. Shugrue was the best teacher I ever had and 15 years later I still remember that mitochondria is the powerhouse of the cell. I am a scientist now and Mr. Shugrue played a huge role in inspring me to be one. He will be missed.*

Sarratt Y. - February 03, 2025 at 01:52 PM

SL

“ *I met Bill in the late 80's, while working at Lasertron! There was a tight nit group of us that just had the best of times in our youth! I always look back on those times and it instantly brings a smile to my face! RIP Bill. My deapest condolences to the family.*

sally Livermore-Beatty - January 30, 2025 at 09:47 AM

CF

“ *Chris Fuhs,I worked and played softball with"shuga"at Wang Labs in our Tewksbury Distribution center.Billy played third base and displayed a sure glove hand along with his timely hitting.Billy was known for his quick wit in and around the workplace.God bless him and condolences to the family.*

Chris Fuhs - January 29, 2025 at 05:57 PM

JJ

“ Bill was my next door neighbor and team member at the Wang Middle School for a number of years.
He always had great stories and an easy smile. We became pals after we were both widowed and would often go to dances or socialize with friends. He had a knack for art, as well as dancing. I often admired his detailed science drawings on the blackboard of things he was teaching.
He will be missed.
Jan Joyce



Janette B Joyce - January 29, 2025 at 11:03 AM

MM

“ Bill and I were on the same teaching team for several years at the Wang School. He would come to my room every morning with his cup of tea and we would chat about anything and everything. He would share stories of his younger days and his love of dancing. Bill had the best sense of humor and would make me laugh every morning. When he would leave my room to start the day he would always say "Be safe out there!" He was a great colleague and friend.

Marylou MacKenzie - January 29, 2025 at 09:13 AM

SR

“ Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of Mr. William J. "Billy" Shugrue



Sean & Erin Rourke - January 28, 2025 at 07:59 PM