



## William Walsh

February 13, 1944 - June 1, 2023

William “Bill” James Walsh Jr., (79) a devoted family man and husband, of Grayson, Georgia, passed away on Thursday, June 1, 2023.

William leaves behind his wife of almost 53 years, Kathleen Walsh; his two children Jessica (David) and Ryan; and his grandchildren Liam and Avery. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Born on February 13, 1944, in Willimantic, CT, William was the son of the late William James Walsh Sr. and Eva Mae Buskey. He grew up in Willimantic, Connecticut where he spent much of his idyllic childhood playing baseball and other sports.

He loved adventure and was known for his fun-loving free spirit, so he enrolled in the Air Force right after high school to fulfill his wanderlust. When he returned from serving, he met his wife in a night club. He was smitten at first sight and spent the rest of his life adoring her.

William and his wife established their home in Vernon, Connecticut but also lived in Pennsylvania, and California, until ultimately residing in Georgia. He was a quintessential family man, so he spent most of his free time with his family, coaching his children’s sports teams, and planning the next family vacation.

Although he held many jobs in his youth, his first real job after college was teaching at the Robinson School in West Hartford. William earned a Bachelor of Science from Willimantic State College so he could pursue a teaching career. While teaching brought him immense joy, he took a job in the paper industry

so he could earn more money. William remained in the paper industry for over 40 years and retired in 2013.

His final years were spent in his garden, playing fantasy sports, and spending time with

his family and dogs.

The family has decided not to hold a service or memorial at this time. They will have a private service in New Hampshire where he will be laid to rest.

In lieu of flowers, his family kindly requests that donations be sent in his honor to the Alzheimer's Association