



William R. Denton

September 9, 2025

William “Bill” Russell Denton, 63, of West Hartford, beloved husband of Catherine (O’Toole) Denton, passed away with his loving family by his side on September 9, 2025, after a brief illness. Bill was born in Hartford on May 30, 1962, the son of Diane Denton and the late Robert Denton.

A West Hartford native, Bill grew up participating in local youth sports, where he met many friends who he carried throughout his life. He further developed many cherished friendships during his time at Northwest Catholic High School (Class of 1980), and the University of South Florida.

Bill was an outgoing and generous personality who lived his life without pretense. He was known for his kindness and thoughtful gestures towards others. Among other things, Bill was always happy to lend a hand, offer a ride, or bring a milkshake from A.C. Petersen Farms. Bill saw the best in others and made friends everywhere he went. He had the uncanny ability to maintain quality relationships with a great number of friends. Bill fostered communities of large and varied groups of people in his role as “the Commissioner” of his many sports pools. Bill’s greatest passion was playing golf with his family and friends. Beyond playing, he was an enthusiastic sports fan, with a special love for the Masters. He was also a loyal supporter of the Hartford Whalers, and later, the Carolina Hurricanes.

Above all else, Bill was a loving and devoted family man. In particular, he deeply cherished his relationships with his wife, children, and grandchildren. Along with his wife, Catherine, Bill never missed an event where his children

were involved. He found great joy in coaching their youth sports teams and supporting them in all their endeavors. Later in life, Bill continued to prioritize finding meaningful ways to spend quality time with his children. His greatest joy in recent years was being “Bubba” to his two grandchildren, Rory and Keegan, who he adored endlessly.

Bill is survived by his wife of 36 years, Catherine Denton; daughter Allison White and her husband Bradley; son Brian Denton and his fiancé Meredith Piela; son Owen Denton; mother Diane Denton; and brother James Denton. He also leaves behind his two grandchildren, Rory and Keegan White. He is further survived by his sister-in-law Mary Babcock and her husband Rich; brother-in-law James O’Toole and his wife Peggy; their families; and countless wonderful friends. Bill was predeceased by his father, Robert Denton Sr.; his brother, Robert Denton Jr.; and his wife’s parents James and Helen O’Toole. Calling hours will be held on Sunday, September 14 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at The Church of St. Timothy, 1116 North Main St, West Hartford. A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, September 15 at 10:00 am at The Church of St. Timothy, with burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Bill’s name to Ball 4 a Cure, www.ball4acure.org. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP **14.** 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy
1116 North Main St
West Hartford, CT 06117
(860) 233-5131

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **15.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Your Fairfield Friends on Gonzaga 2. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William R. Denton.

Your Fairfield Friends on Gonzaga 2. - September 14, 2025 at 10:54 AM

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“ Your Fairfield Friends on Gonzaga 2. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William R. Denton.



Your Fairfield Friends on Gonzaga 2. - September 14, 2025 at 10:54 AM

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“ Holy Cross girls <3 purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of William R. Denton.



Holy Cross girls <3 - September 13, 2025 at 12:54 PM

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“ Holy Cross girls <3 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William R. Denton.

Holy Cross girls <3 - September 13, 2025 at 12:54 PM

JS

“ We are very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Our condolences to the Denton Family.
The Stantons

John Stanton - September 13, 2025 at 12:36 PM

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“ All our love, Rob and Sue Ramsey purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William R. Denton.



All our love, Rob and Sue Ramsey - September 13, 2025 at 12:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William R. Denton.

September 12, 2025 at 11:36 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of William R. Denton.



September 12, 2025 at 11:36 AM

JO

“ My condolences, Catherine, to you and your family. I'm so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I remember him as a kind, warm, and generous person.

With sympathy,
Joan Zieky (Bushnell)

Joan - September 12, 2025 at 08:50 AM

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“ What a beautiful tribute to such a wonderful man! Bill's light and impact is so hard to measure. His kindness towards others, his love for his wonderful family and all of their friends that he made “feel like family”, was a gift that he gave with his full heart! The Moran Family sends our deepest condolences to Catherine, Alli, Bradley, Brian, Meredith, Owen, Rory and Keegan. We love you all! Sending you prayers for peace and healing! xoxo Bobbi & Bernie

bobbi - September 11, 2025 at 07:00 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear this horrible news. My heartfelt condolences go out to the whole Denton family, with special prayers for James, Owen, and Catherine.

Emily Mary - September 11, 2025 at 04:21 PM

BN

“ Our whole family sends condolences and love to the Denton family over this sudden and immeasurable loss. Bill was a sweet and irreplaceable person. The loss of the love he gave his family, and the rest of us, will be felt forever.

Nancy and Bill Newman

Bill Newman - September 11, 2025 at 03:54 PM

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“ *Bill was such a wonderful person. His warmth, kindness, and sense of humor lit up the room. He always made our Holy Cross friend group feel welcomed and supported whenever we got to spend time with him and the Denton family. I never left a visit with him without a big bear hug and a lot of laughter. He and Catherine raised such an amazing daughter and friend in Alli. We will miss him so much.*

Sending lots of prayers and all my love to the entire extended Denton family. Love, MaryAnn LaShoto

MaryAnn LaShoto - September 11, 2025 at 03:13 PM