



## William Charles Doran

December 24, 2016

William Charles Doran, 71, of West Hartford, died on December 24, 2016. He was the beloved husband of Susan Cohn Doran, and a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He loved being with his family, and especially his grandchildren, who also adored him. Bill was born on February 26, 1945, in Brooklyn, NY, to Raymond Paul and Janet Martha (Lockhart) Doran. Raised in Greenfield, MA, Bill graduated from Greenfield High School, where he excelled academically and at sports, and met and fell in love with Susan, whom he married in 1967. After graduating from Dartmouth College, Bill attended Yale University Law School, where his academic studies were interrupted after his first year by the draft. Upon completing his military service in South Korea, Bill returned to Yale to finish his last two years of law school. After completing his studies, Bill moved to the Hartford area with Susan to begin a family and his law career. In 1982, he joined Atlas and Hudon in West Hartford. Bill enjoyed his colleagues, his clients, his work, and especially the two-minute commute to his office. Despite being a man of few words, Bill was a logophile: he loved creating puns, completing New York Times crossword puzzles and cryptograms, and playing Boggle with his wife, children, and grandchildren. Forced to discover the joy of cooking while Sue was away one weekend in 1996, Bill became an avid home chef, creating meals that drew on cuisines from around the globe. Always in search of fresh, seasonal ingredients, Bill loved taking frequent trips to the Garlic Farm and Cold Spring Brook Farm. Taking joy in simple pleasures, Bill loved going on long walks in

the West Hartford Reservoir and Elizabeth Park, drives in the countryside, and watching UConn Huskies basketball. In addition to Susan, his wife of 49 years, Bill is survived by his children: Amanda Rose Doran and her husband Gilbert Cordova; Abigail Doran O'Meara; Jonathan William Doran and his wife Basak; and Hannah Julia Doran Aneiros and her husband Michael. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Zachary Maurice and Alexandra Judith O'Meara; William Charles and Jack Doran; and Alicia Rachel Cordova. In addition, he is survived by his brother Paul Doran and his wife Maggie, and his sister Jane Kane and her husband Al. He leaves many cherished friends as well.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, January 1, 2017, at Molloy Funeral Home in West Hartford. Visiting hours will be from 2-4pm, with words of remembrance beginning at 4pm. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations in Bill's honor to the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network ([www.bcan.org](http://www.bcan.org)), Foodshare ([site.foodshare.org](http://site.foodshare.org)), or the Greater Hartford Legal Aid Foundation ([www.ghla.org](http://www.ghla.org)). Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

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

Molloy Funeral Home  
906 Farmington Avenue  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
(860) 232-1322

## Celebration of Life

JAN 1. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Susie and Family:*

*I am so saddened by the many years during which I did not reach out to know you better. I have fantastic memories of childhood days on Montague City Road with "Ball and Pill" as well as on Rockland Road being "babysat" by Susie. A high school girl whom I came to love and hold high on an esteemed pedestal.*

*My prayers are with you. My thoughts are kind and soulful. This was a particularly difficult holiday for my immediate family so I was unavailable to get to Connecticut for your day of visiting.*

*I keep updated through Robbie and understand Arline is still in your care. May God bless you all. If I am lucky I will see you by some chance and come to know you again.*

*Please be well.*

*Susan*

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**Susan (Vincent) Mason** - January 21, 2017 at 02:51 PM

DT

“ Twenty plus years ago our family business hired Bill to draft a buy-sell agreement. Bill impressed me then with his deft ability to solve a complex problem in such a simple and concise way. More recently, I became the new guy at Bill’s firm. I got to witness first hand Bill’s talent for picking just the right phrase or word to explain how to put legal precepts into practice. I am grateful for his mentoring and interest. He was very generous that way. And all of us at the firm will miss his gentle nature and quick humor. I wish I had gone to the Garlic Farm with him to find out why it held such great allure. My best to Sue and the family for their great loss.

*Doug Thomas*

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**Douglas Thomas** - December 30, 2016 at 02:32 PM

TS

“ Susan, My heart goes out to you upon hearing of your loss. May Bill rest in peace, and may your memories give you and your family strength and peace of mind. Ted Simon

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**Ted Simon** - December 30, 2016 at 11:41 AM

BL

“ I’m sorry to hear of Bill’s passing. He was our family attorney for over a decade. I greatly appreciated his wise counsel on a number of routine legal issues and looked forward to meeting with him from time to time. I particularly appreciated his kind, gentle, thoughtful nature and the fact that he always took the time to learn a bit about us as people. As others have already said, he will genuinely be missed.

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**Bud Loomis** - December 29, 2016 at 09:44 AM

SR

“ I am saddened to hear of Bill's passing. I'll always remember our days as young lawyers in Hartford! Bill was a wonder man! He will be missed, condolences to Bill's family, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Stuart Roth** - December 29, 2016 at 09:07 AM

JS

“ Dear Susan,  
It was a great pleasure knowing Bill through the last few years of the Book Club and our occasional gettogethers. He was most thoughtful and every contribution was profound. I will miss him. Condolences to you and your family. Jerry and Judy Selzer

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**Jerry Selzer** - December 29, 2016 at 02:56 AM

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“ I remember Bill, I took care of his mom and certainly was part of their family for a number of years...so to hear of his passing Julie (Dresser) Kingsbury love to Jane and Paul and all the family

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**julie kingsbury (Dresser)** - December 28, 2016 at 11:54 AM