



William Robert Roberts

November 22, 1948 - August 18, 2021

William Robert Roberts, born November 22, 1948 and died August 18, 2021. Born and raised in Hamden, CT by his mother, Evelyn Grant Roberts and his father Llewellyn “Bud” Roberts. Bill was an only child and his parents were truly devoted to him. Bill graduated from Southern CT State College where he was involved with the Crescent Players, the college drama group. He became close with many of the members and maintained their friendships throughout his life. Bill taught 5th grade at St. Bernadette School in New Haven for 5 years. He then moved to San Francisco for several years where he worked for McGraw-Hill Publishing. His return to CT saw the beginning of a 20 year career with Terminex in their office in Rocky Hill, CT. He would receive several awards for his outstanding customer service in that office. Bill was married to Joseph Landacing a Veteran and High School Italian teacher for 36 years until Joe’s death in 2011. Bill and Joe traveled to Italy on Holiday repeatedly. Bill was a kind man and loved animals, especially his 3 Welsh Corgi’s and his rescue Greyhound, Princess. On 2012 Bill sold his home of 30 years in Madison, CT and moved to the home of James Koplín in Hartford, CT to begin what became 9 years of love and adventure and travels around the world every year until Covid restrictions. He will be missed and remembered by many for his contribution to the quality of their lives. In Lieu of Flowers please consider making a donation in his name to; Protectors or Animals 144 Main St. East Hartford, Ct 06118 and the Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective, 1941 Broad St. Hartford, CT 06114

Tribute Wall

NH

“ *Darling Roman - Tannis anyone? Love always, Minnie*



N Hendricks - August 31, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ *The great joy of my college days at SCSC was being a part of the Crescent Players. Bill and all our other friends were like a family to me, and I will always think of him as a brother. To me he will always be "Billy Broadway" and my heart aches to see him leave the stage of this life. Sweet dreams, dear friend.*

John Swanson - August 28, 2021 at 02:13 PM

BH

“ *“What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love becomes a part of us.”*
I knew Bill for over 20 years. I remember his ability to brighten my day with his wonderful sense of humor, his desire to see the good in others and our long conversations that sometimes would go on for hours! He was a kind , gentle man who I will miss greatly . God speed Bill.

Barbara Flanigan Howard - August 26, 2021 at 10:28 AM

DP

“ I met Bill in the early 70s in San Francisco when we both happened to visit mutual friends at the same time. How lucky I was to meet such a wonderful person: smart, funny, loving, compassionate, loyal, honorable. I miss him.

Donna

Donna Presnell - August 25, 2021 at 05:19 PM

DR

“ Bill was one of the gentlest souls I've ever met. He now has his own star on Heaven's walk of fame.

Delia Roy - August 23, 2021 at 10:45 PM

JK

“ I met Bill shortly after his husband Joe's passing. Having just gone through 5 years of grieving my partner of 20 years passing I hoped to help Bill in his process. I think it worked well. In return Bill was instrumental in turning my desperate financial situation around to the secure place it is in today. We enjoyed our mutual love and care of our multiple dogs and cats over the years. We shared a love of travel and had great adventures in California, Mexico, Australia , New Zealand, Wales, England, Spain, Portugal, France and a brief stint in Norway. We were all set to cruise from Amsterdam to the Fjords of Norway when Covid struck. When I complained about that Always positive Bill would remind me if how many great memories we had. I was always in awe of Bill's capacity for maintaining very long term relationships with people from his past. He brought light and love to many, many good friends and I feel so fortunate to have had him in my life for these 9 amazing years. Wherever you are Bill, know that you are loved and regarded with great esteem. Love JIM

James Koplín - August 23, 2021 at 07:06 PM



It was so loved.

Ingrid Pettigrew - August 26, 2021 at 08:48 AM

CH

“ *Dear Bill, I will miss you so much.*

Charles Hurst - August 23, 2021 at 06:08 PM

CB

“ *I will forever remember Bill's laughter, beautiful eyes, and sense of humor. What a kind and gentle soul.*

Cathay Brackman - August 23, 2021 at 04:50 PM

BS

“ *I met Bill on the day I joined the Crescent Players, in my first week of college. It was the start of a friendship that has lasted 55 years. Through times of joy, through times of laughter (he had such a wonderful, dry sense of humor), and through times with tears, he was always there. You'll be in my heart forever, Bill.*



Barbara Sivigny - August 23, 2021 at 04:50 PM

TS

“ Bill was part of our motley group (The Crescent Players) at SCSU in the late 60's and early 70's. I remember Bill as a happy guy that worked hard on the various crews as we prepared for a production. We worked hard but we also left plenty of time to play hard. We were all a family and Bill was certainly an important part of that family.



Thomas Swetts - August 23, 2021 at 08:52 AM



“ I was just talking about Bill yesterday and today I hear the news he’s passed away. We met in the mid-70s. I was managing the Whalley Cinema in New Haven and he was my Assistant Manager. Joe, his partner, was assistant manager at the Whitney. We shared a love of the cinema and I remember going to Joe’s mothers house where we watched the Wizard of Oz in his makeshift theater in the basement. We lost touch for many years but bumped into each other in a parking lot in Guilford, Ct before Joe passed. And this started chapter 2 of our friendship. We had some crazy times when we were both single and between serious relationships. I’ll miss him so much...our conversations. He was always so hopeful and happy. He loved to travel, another passion we both shared. Bill...”

“Thanks for the memories..

Awfully glad I met you

Cheerio and toodle-oo

Thank you

Thank you so much”

Ingrid Pettigrew - August 23, 2021 at 12:09 AM

DA

“ I first met Bill over 30 years ago at my wife Louise's office Christmas party. He was the life of that party and many, many others that we experienced over all those years. We will miss him deeply. Such a kind-hearted, true friend; so smart and talented, with a wicked sense of humor. (Which reminds me, he absolutely loved the Broadway show Wicked). Rest in peace, Billy Broadway.

Dave

Dave - August 22, 2021 at 11:43 AM

LO

“*Benthyg dros amser byr yw popeth a geir yn y byd hwn*”:
"Everything you have in this world is just borrowed for a short time."
a Welch proverb. My friend Bill: Witty, clever, kind, thoughtful,
dramatic "Billy Broadway" and fun-loving. From 1st martinis to
Crescent Players to first loves and San Francisco to coming home
and finding home. I hope this journey brings you peace.

Louise



Louise - August 22, 2021 at 09:43 AM