



## Mr. William "Bill" Rhorer

October 13, 1951 - February 16, 2022

William "Bill" Rhorer, 70, of Hinsdale, passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Washington, DC, on October 13, 1951, the son of the late Glen and Verna Ochs Rhorer, he graduated from TC Williams High School in Alexandria, VA, home of the Titans ("Remember the Titans"), and later earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from Bridgeport University in Bridgeport, CT.

A longtime resident of Dalton, Bill worked at General Electric and General Dynamics in Pittsfield as an Engineer and Program Manager from 1974 until 2001. He was later a Director at Charles Stark Draper Labs in Cambridge, where he dedicated 14 years of service, from 2001 until his retirement in 2015, residing in Milford.

Bill was an avid athlete and Boston sports fan – you name it, he loved it: football, basketball, softball, golf, biking (especially his trips to the Kinney Camp in Plainfield with the Mountain Grunts), skiing, bowling, and watching his daughter Allison play rugby. Bill also had a great passion for music and played trombone and harmonica. Whether he was watching his daughter Courtney perform musical theatre, attending his daughters' and grandkids' sporting events, or camping with the family, Bill lit up each and every time he had the opportunity to spend time with his loved ones. An Eagle Scout, he loved nature, photography, and animals, especially his beloved pets. He was

a well-rounded traveler, enjoying many trips with his family, especially Ochs Family Reunions in Kansas and golf trips to Hilton Head Island, SC. Bill always loved a captive audience for his stories and jokes, especially “Diesel Fitter” and “Men from Maine” and retelling his Pop’s best ones.

William is survived by the love of his life, his wife of almost 46 years, the former Paula Kinney, whom he married on October 16, 1976. He leaves behind their two children, Allison Veneziano and husband Mark, of Marlborough, and Courtney Rhorer-Keith and husband Travis, of Easthampton, as well as four grandchildren, Lucas and Levi Veneziano and Kenna and Leo Rhorer-Keith. He also leaves his beloved brother, Bob Rhorer and wife Susan of Gales Ferry, CT, and is fondly remembered as “UB” to several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

#### Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for William “Bill” Rhorer will be Friday, March 4, 2022, at 1pm at the First Congregational Church in Dalton. Calling hours will be Thursday, March 3, 2022, from 4pm to 6pm at the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home, 525 Main Street, Dalton MA 01226. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to Hospice Care in the Berkshires or Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

To view Bill's service virtually, please visit:

<http://www.dwyerfuneral.com/obituaries/permalink/10390835/LTWebcast>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer -Wellington Funeral Service  
525 Main Street  
Dalton, MA 01226  
(413) 684-0215  
information@wellingtonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wellingtonfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

MAR 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Congregational Church of Dalton  
514 Main Street  
Dalton , MA 01226

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. created a Webcast in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Rhorer*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - March 04, 2022 at 08:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Bill" Rhorer.*



March 02, 2022 at 11:16 AM



“ *87 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - March 01, 2022 at 04:41 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Bill" Rhorer.*



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March 01, 2022 at 02:06 PM



“ *We were saddened to hear of Bill's passing; he was a good friend and colleague when we worked together at GE. We have many fond memories of him at the Christmas parties and the annual Mountain Grunt Chesterfield bike ride. His humor and good nature will be sorely missed, and we extend our thoughts, prayers and sympathies to all his family*

*Bill and Cheryl Owen*

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**Bill Owen** - March 01, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ *Bill was a good man who loved his work and cared about the welfare of his community. I respected him and enjoyed working with him at GE. The world is a little better place because he was in it.*

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**Jim Baker** - March 01, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Bill" Rhorer.*



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March 01, 2022 at 09:25 AM

ME

“ I would like to express my sincere condolences to the Rhorer Family. I worked with Bill over many years both as a colleague and later in his career when he was a customer to the Pittsfield business. His unique leadership style brought out the best in those he interacted with and ultimately the program and the business greatly benefited. In the journey of life, it is rare to meet someone whom is held in such high regard by so many. I consider myself extremely fortunate to have known him.

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**Michael Eagan** - February 28, 2022 at 04:06 PM

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“ Paula and family, Please know how much we are thinking of you at this time and how sorry are that Bill will no longer light up the room for his family and many friends. Without a doubt Bill was always a commanding presence in any gathering with his hearty laugh and great stories or jokes. We remember so far back that we can recall when both of you were still single. Paula was a secretary and Bill was a brand new transfer into Ordnance. Highlights of the summer back then were the softball games up at the "A", the office summer picnics, and of course the Mountain Grunt ride out to Kinney camp. Those were the days! Work was fun because our coworkers were also our best friends. Sadly many have left us but I trust Bill is now gathered in their midst, continuing to hold court with stories over a beer or two. I found a few photos from the Grunt ride and will attempt to upload them. Wish me luck. Also, Donna and I will be out of town reuniting with family this week and cannot be at the funeral. We wish we could but realize more than ever how important it is to savor these moments with family.

*Jim and Donna Neureuther*



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**Jim Neureuther** - February 27, 2022 at 11:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Bill" Rhorer.*



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February 24, 2022 at 06:19 PM



“ *Paula and family,*

*Deepest sympathy to you all. Fond memories of you moving into house across the street from our family on Renee Drive. We may have hit a baseball or two into the yard from the flat area above the hill on right-side of your property....Bill would always retrieve it and tell us young boys in what I recall was a very quiet demeanor to keep playing baseball.*

*Very sorry for your loss.*

*Brian Suriner  
Glastonbury, CT*

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**Brian Suriner** - February 24, 2022 at 04:08 PM