



William "Bill" DeNike

October 9, 1960 - October 24, 2018

William "Bill" DeNike, age 58, passed away in Houston, Texas on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 with his family by his side. Bill was born in Natick, Massachusetts on October 9, 1960 to James and Dorothy DeNike. Bill graduated from Memorial High School in 1978 and attended Texas Tech University. Bill was a small business owner and entrepreneur with a creative mind and dedication to his trade. Bill was formerly married to Louise Blake of Harleston, England in August 1984 and had two daughters, Sarah and Natalie DeNike.

As a longtime resident of Houston, Texas, Bill had many friends in the local community through sports, school, and music events. Bill was involved with the Houston Celtic Football Club and coached youth soccer for many years. Bill was a sports fanatic and often attended Houston Astros, Texans, and Rockets games. Bill was also an avid music lover and concert attendee.

Bill was well known and remembered for his positive energy and outlook on life. He was a great storyteller and comedian, and is remembered by many as the life of the party. His generosity knew no bounds, and he went out of his way to make sure everyone he knew was always happy. Whether it was through a good story or a helping hand, he was always a good guy that was loved by many.

Bill is survived by his daughters, Sarah and Natalie DeNike, father James DeNike, and siblings James DeNike, Mary DeNike, Jane DeNike, Ann Clark, Frances DeNike, and Patricia Jones.

Tribute Wall



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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" DeNike.*



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“ *My son John was a friend of Bill from Memorial High School and also through his sister Ann. I was never sure if he knew Ann or Bill first, but was friends with both. He was a very pleasant fellow to be around and like many of Johns friends, kept in some sort of contact through the years through one another and would sometimes get together for ball games when John would come to Houston from his home in Austin for the Astros or Texans. My condolences from my family to yours. Leona, John and Janel Brack, and Leonard and Joy Brack.*

Leona Brack - October 28, 2018 at 10:52 PM

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“ My family shared a deep history with the Denike's and I have vivid memories of Billy Denike. Transplanted New Yorkers with a Shell Oil Company connection, we often visited the Denike's when we were kids. They had a pool and lots of soda and, my favorite, puffy Cheetos. Most of all they had Billy. A grade older than my brother and me, we loved hearing his stories and running around his neighbors on steamy Houston nights. Sometimes, we would stay over (hard to think of why since we lived about a mile away) and I can, with a bit of effort, recall hearing Billy talk late into the night about . . . whatever it is that preteen boys talk about. We loved hearing him go on. We also had another connection, our nana often watched the Denike kids (can't quite recall how or why exactly but it happened regularly). We always worried that she would like them more than she did us. It helped that Billy got in trouble a few times :). She did love them and loved Billy especially. As we got older, we didn't see Billy (now Bill) all that often but we got updates from our parents with regularity. Billy had some tough times but the reports invariably emphasized the positive and were always told with love. The last time I saw Billy was at a midnight mass. It was wonderful to see him and although it was clear that life had landed some blows, he still had that spark that so captivated my young self. I always hoped that I would see him again. The faith we share tells us that God holds up his beloved even in death and this I believe. May God bless you, Billy. You blessed me.

James Francis Keating - October 28, 2018 at 07:33 PM