



William F Murray

June 25, 1960 - May 21, 2014

William F. Murray of Harvey Cedars died Wednesday, May 21, 2014 surrounded by loved ones at Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark. He was 53.

Born in Mount Holly, the son of the late John J. and Mary Murray, he grew up in Burlington City and was a longtime resident of Eastampton before moving to LBI 10 years ago.

Mr. Murray was a lifelong car salesman for various area dealerships including Miller Ford in Lumberton and Economy Motors in Cookstown.

He enjoyed gardening, landscaping, boating, wood working, classic cars and the art of selling. Most especially, he loved caring for his cats: Buddy, Houdini, Elvis, Gomez, Pretty Girl Sylvester and Roadie.

Predeceased by his brother John J. Murray, he is survived by his wife of 24 years, Carolyn Rulli; 4 sisters: Catherine Short, Marie Gale, Maryann Myers, & Wendy Aleman; and 3 brothers: Andrew J. Murray, Micheal P. Murray, & Stephen L. Murray; many nieces & nephews. Billy is also survived by his brothers-in-law: Phillip Rulli & David Rulli.

A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, May 28th at 11:30 at the

Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mt. Holly. Friends may visit with the family on Wednesday morning from 10:00 -11:30 at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Jersey Shore Animal Center, 185 Brick Blvd, Brick NJ 08723

Cemetery Details

Cremation

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William F Murray*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *William F Murray*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Judy lit a candle in memory of William F Murray*



Judy - June 06, 2014 at 11:30 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Billy always was a lot of fun to work with.*

*Joel Freyer
Mt. Laurel NJ*

joel freyer - May 29, 2014 at 01:18 PM



“ *Nancy & Ron Sikkema lit a candle in memory of William F Murray*



Nancy & Ron Sikkema - May 29, 2014 at 11:06 AM

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“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Carolyn Rulli - May 28, 2014 at 05:30 PM

“ Billy was number eight out of nine children. Known to his brothers and sisters as Bubby, for Aunt Marie he was William, for our neighbors he was “the Mayor”, for me – Billy and my Pooh Bear.

We met at Miller Ford. He sold cars at the Ford store and I was across the parking lot at the Subaru store. I used to walk over in the morning with the deposit bag and I would see this guy scurry across the showroom to open the door for me. He would say, “you look very nice today, Miss Rulli.” This became a daily ritual, time and time again. Billy would ask me to lunch and I would reply, “no thank you” but there was something different about him. I used to say to my dad, “there is this guy at work that I like, but he’s a car salesman.” Dad said “why don’t you invite him to our July 4th family picnic.” So one day I asked Billy if he would like to go with me to a picnic. And, his reply was “no thank you,” and the chase was on. He knew exactly what he was doing. The next day, July 5th, he sent flowers to the dealership with a card that read, “I could never say no to you.” From that day on, the 5th of every month, Billy would say “Happy Anniversary.”

He was gentle, kind, a true romantic. Once he got to know you, and like you, he would defend you to the ends of the Earth. If you needed help with something and it involved a power tool – Billy was your man. He loved home projects, especially with Micheal. Every room in our home has something that Billy made. And, he loved tinkering with cars – especially with David.

He loved Christmas, decorating the tree, his outside lights were a tradition and he would add something new every year. He would help with baking Christmas cookies. Billy took over the cookie press. He was better at it than me. I would dump the trays from the oven on the table and he would line them up in straight rows for cooling. We would get up at the crack of dawn and prepare over 50 cookie trays for delivery to family and friends. Also as part of the season we made homemade wooden gifts from Santas to snowmen. Billy did the woodworking and I painted them.

One of my favorite stories is when we were first dating, Billy drove us down a back road in Burlington. He turned off the main road into a wooded area. The paved road turned into stones, which turned into a dirt path the further he drove me into the woods. He parked the car and told me he had a surprise for me. I watched him open the trunk and pull out a shovel and a big garbage bag. I quickly locked the door and thought...no one knows where I am. This was before cell phones. Billy was tapping on the passenger window saying, "come with me...trust me." I sat in the locked car for a while and finally got out and he walked me through the woods down to the river bank under the Turnpike Bridge where there were wild tiger lilies growing along the riverbank. He dug them up and we planted them in our first garden in Eastampton. And, since then, he's subdivided them and shared them with family and friends and they're still blooming in our LBI gardens. This was the beginning of my understanding Billy's love of gardening.

For 24 years, I started each day with Billy bringing me my morning cup of coffee. He truly treated me like a Queen and I'll cherish him forever for his tenderness. His tenderness extended to his love of his kitties. When he went into the hospital, he left me with strict detailed instructions about where to position bowls and who liked tuna and who liked chicken. They were his babies.

He took such pride in everything he did. So many friends have reached out this week and referred to him as a gentle soul. Girlfriends of mine have expressed that they have never experienced the kind of true love that Billy and I shared together. He was my rock, my protector, the love of my life and now my guardian angel. I love you Pooh Bear. Rest in peace.

I want to take a moment to thank Micheal for being with his brother for 51 days in ICU. Billy was never alone. I am forever gra

Carolyn Rulli - May 28, 2014 at 05:20 PM

NA

This tribute is beautiful Carolyn. I'm glad I came back to this tribute page because I couldn't view it through my email.

Nancy - May 29, 2014 at 11:09 AM

ST

“ *so many memories of bub.he would call me when he needed to vent i will miss those chats . having a new job i wasnt able to see bub in the hospital . i told him this before he went in and he understood but my planned visit would be to late and i regret very deeply not going to see him something i dont think i will ever forgive myself but i will miss bub*

steve - May 26, 2014 at 07:22 PM



“ *Murray family, we were truly sorry to hear that Bubby had passed. We feel confident that he is in a better place and with loved ones that have passed before him. We send our deepest sympathy and condolences to all especially to our dear sister Betty and brother-in-law Mike. Our hearts go out to you. Remember we are here for you. We will keep Bubby and the Murray family in our prayers.*
Carmen and Ricky

Carmen Roth - May 26, 2014 at 04:28 PM

BM

Thank you, Carmen & Ricky.

Betty Murray - May 26, 2014 at 05:58 PM

HC

“ Hope Cottom lit a candle in memory of William F Murray



Hope Cottom - May 25, 2014 at 01:09 PM

NS

“ We are so sad and sorry that our friend Billy is no longer with us. He was a truly gentle soul. For all the problems Billy had with his physical heart, his emotionsl heart was strong and pure. We will miss you and know this world is a little emptier without you in it. RIP and tranquility dear Billy.

Nancy & Ron

Nancy Sikkema - May 24, 2014 at 09:16 PM

MO

“ Mary Ann Richards, OCDS lit a candle in memory of William F Murray



Mary Ann Richards, OCDS - May 24, 2014 at 07:32 PM

MO

I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Bill but I was privileged to pray for him during his illness. I continue to offer prayers for his family at this most difficult time. May God be with each of you and hold you in the Palm of His Hands.

Mary Ann Richards, OCDS - May 24, 2014 at 07:36 PM

BM

Thank you dear Mary Ann & Sam.

Betty Murray - May 26, 2014 at 05:59 PM

BM

“Bubby was more than a brother-in-law to me. He was my brother and my friend. I loved him and I know he loved Mike and me. He would jump at the opportunity to do anything for us. Mike and him were "tight". He was like Mike in so many ways. I was always happy when we got together with him and Carolyn for dinners, casino nights and when we celebrated our birthdays together. There will be a tremendous hole in my heart and an even bigger one in Mike's. We did all we could for him and there's no doubt he knew we were there for him until the end. We know we have a special angel in heaven watching over us now. We love you, Bubby and always will. Carolyn, we are always here for you and love you. Much love, Betty and Mike.



Betty Murray - May 24, 2014 at 02:48 PM

MA

“Maryann lit a candle in memory of William F Murray



maryann - May 24, 2014 at 02:41 PM

MA

“ I like to re-write the tribute because somehow some words were not there. Bubby was a great brother and uncle to me and my children and grandchildren. He is up there with mommy, uncle bill, and Cody and many other family members. Bubby was a quiet person but once he became comfortable with you you have a friend for life. There will be a hole in my life but as a wise man once told me, was Bubby in your heart before he died I said yes he then said he is still there once he passed. I love you Bub. Maryann

Maryann - May 24, 2014 at 10:18 AM

WA

“ 5 files added to the album Bubby



Wendy Aleman - May 24, 2014 at 07:42 AM

WA

“ Wendy Aleman lit a candle in memory of William F Murray



Wendy Aleman - May 24, 2014 at 07:35 AM

MM

“Bubby was a great brother to my children and grandchildren. Bubby was quiet at first but once he became comfortable around you, you had a friend for life. A was man said to me once was Bubby in your heart before he died? Yes, then he will still be there after he died. I love me and there will be a huge whole in my life only he can fill.
Love maryann

maryann myers - May 24, 2014 at 07:13 AM