



William J. Suppa Jr

August 18, 1942 - July 3, 2020

William J. Suppa, Jr. of Nashua, NH passed away on July 3rd after a brief illness. He was born on August 18, 1942 in Long Island, NY to William J. Suppa, Sr. and Antoinette (Raymond) Suppa.

He is survived by Christine Georges, his lifetime partner; son William J. Suppa III and his wife Laurie of Hudson, NH; his son Jamie Suppa and his wife Cindy of Pelham, NH; four grandchildren: Anthony, Ashley, Alexandra and Victoria Suppa. Bill was also survived by his sister Geraldine of Hicksville, NY, his brother Salvatore of Savannah, GA and several nieces and nephews.

Bill graduated from The Mannes School of Music at NYU as an accomplished musician, specializing in saxophone. His early career consisted of touring the nation and appearing on the Tonight Show with Joey Dee and the Starlighters. He then joined Mickey and Larry and the Exciters and continued to tour the country. Bill settled in the Lowell area and formed a band called Now and Then, playing at weddings and local venues.

He began teaching Music in 1972 at the Daley School in Lowell until his retirement in 2004. His students will tell you that their not so fondest memory was having to sing solos in front of the entire class.

For the past 20 years, Bill has been employed at Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover as a starter. Being an avid golfer, this was his dream job which he performed with humor and professionalism. His co workers and the members at the Ridge became his second family. His employers have said that he made Indian Ridge a better place because he had the innate ability to do the job extremely well because he cared. As Bill would say, "That's what I do".

Bill will be missed by everyone and the mark he left on all who knew him will live on forever.

Family and friends are invited to attend a walk through visitation from 3:00pm - 8:00pm on Wednesday, July 8th in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home located at 50 Ferry St., in Hudson, NH. All those attending are asked to please wear a face mask or facial covering and to be mindful of the current social distancing guidelines. A private prayer service and burial will take place the following day. In lieu of flowers the family encourages donations be made in Bill's loving memory to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Donor Services, PO Box 98018, Washington, DC, 20090-8018 or online at www.lls.org

Events

JUL VISITING HOURS 03:00PM - 08:00PM

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Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home Hudson, NH
50 Ferry Street, Hudson, NH, US, 03051

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes - July 06 at 11:06 AM



“ What a wonderful and moving tribute to a life well-lived by a good man. You could always see the spark of joy in those blue eyes. He will be sorely missed by all those whose lives he touched. My heart goes out to Chris and Billy's sons, grandchildren and the rest of his family. I will keep you in my prayers.

Jan Gallagher - July 06 at 11:32 AM



“ This is a beautiful tribute. Just when the tears start to roll, the picture of him with Mr Incredible pops up and you can't help but laugh with him

Gera - July 06 at 03:32 PM



“ Beautiful presentation and Billy enjoyed working with you close to 19 years. Cris and Suppa family so sorry for your loss. RIP my friend

Ronald Savoca - July 06 at 04:18 PM



“ What a beautiful and talented man. Prayers and condolences to his family. RIP Mr Suppa

Sue Buote - July 06 at 04:42 PM



“ I first met Billy at the peppermint lounge in Lowell when he played with Mickey Larry and he excited. Enjoy the music so much thank you for all the great memories. RIP BILLY

Dennis McGrade - July 06 at 04:53 PM



“ The biggest testimonial to Big Bill is the wonderful son he raised in Bill Jr. Our hearts are broken for you Billy. With much love the Fontaines

pat fontaine - July 06 at 06:12 PM



“ This completely broke my heart. He was an amazing man and teacher. I will never forget all his life lessons or music lessons that he had taught me. I still talk about him to this day. My condolences and prayers go out to his family.

With lots of love,
His Daley School student,
Jacklyn L.

jacklyn - July 06 at 07:21 PM



“ I had him for a music teacher ba k in the early 90's May he r.i.p

Donald jones - July 06 at 08:36 PM



“ Beautifully sweet video! Mr. Suppa was a wonderful teacher!
Daley Jr. High graduate

Cari-Ann Leroux - July 07 at 01:23 AM



“ Not only did I have Mr Suppa as a teacher in the early 80's , but had the pleasure of being able to see and talk to Billy later as I was the ups driver at the school before he retired. A wonderful person, my condolences to Chris and the entire family.

Bill Gray - July 07 at 08:49 AM



“ To Chris and family so sorry for your loss, He had such a spark for life. Billy you will be missed. Beautiful tribute.

Robbins / Bergeron Family - July 07 at 02:16 PM



“ What a guy! Thanks for the memories, Billy. IRCC's loss is heaven's gain.....RIP
Lin & Bill Hartnett

Lin & Bill Hartnett - July 07 at 02:45 PM



“ Beautiful tribute! I had Mr Suppa in 7th and 8th grade and remember him well. May he Rest In Peace.

Dan Ryan - July 07 at 07:27 PM



“ Bill was simply terrific. We would frequently pop up without a tee-time and he always found a spot for us with a knowing smile. We will miss his presence at Indian Ridge. He was a true treasure.

Maureen & Stephen Weisner

Maureen Weisner - July 07 at 10:41 PM



“ Beautiful and very touching tribute to Billy.

Carole Morris - July 08 at 12:33 AM



“ Very difficult to watch for me since we were friends for 60yrs and I will miss!

Richard Costiera - July 08 at 12:59 PM



“ May he have eternal peace

Tina - July 09 at 05:13 PM



“ Very moving. He will certainly be missed!

Sal and Denise Loiacano - July 10 at 10:22 AM



“ My family was greatly saddened to hear of Bill's passing. We would always look forward to seeing him as he always had a smile and a kind word to say. He was truly a gentleman and will be greatly missed.

Sal and Denise Loiacano - July 10 at 06:08 PM



“ A beautiful, moving tribute. I was so shocked and saddened to hear about the loss of my dear cousin, Billy. I will always remember your warm smile and personality. You will be missed dearly. May you Rest in Peace. And may your family find the strength they need during this difficult time knowing how much others care and by having faith in our Lord.
Cousin, Gerrie LaCentra

Gerrie LaCentra - July 10 at 07:13 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute. Such wonderful memories. He was so kind. So sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace.

Jackie and Jesse Layton - July 10 at 07:58 PM



“ I had Mr Suppa for middle school music in the late 90's and will never forget his silly personality and funny duck quacks. It inspired a love for collecting rubber ducks that I still participate in, twenty years later. I am very saddened to hear of his passing.

Nicole Stamas - July 13 at 03:56 PM



“ We were very saddened to hear of Billy's passing. He was always at the ready keeping the I.R. ship afloat moving forward even in choppy waters guided by his compassion, comradery and great sense of humor. Thank You and RIP Bill for a job well done. To Billy's family and friends you are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Gene & Ellen Kee - July 10 at 03:07 PM



“ William J. Suppa, Jr.
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It is an honor and a privilege to offer a few words of eulogy for my friend of 20 years. I am sure that my words are shared by Bill's many friends.

I loved Billy Suppa. Over the years, this affection colored my thoughts and shaped our friendship. From our first meeting to our last conversation, he touched my heart. Recently, the Boston Globe published an article about Covid-19 and how the pandemic was encouraging people to reconsider their lives. We could have saved the journalist lots of time. We don't need a pandemic to stimulate a reconsideration of life. Knowing Billy was enough to get people to reconsider their lives. Bill knew how to live. He enjoyed himself and those around him to the fullest. For Bill, everything about life was special and that kind of joy was contagious. Bill's love of golf, food, drink and family – not necessarily in that order – was energetic and endless. He loved Chris, his children and his grandchildren. He loved his friends, food, music and even strangers as if they were old friends.

During a trip to Italy, we decided to visit a roadside diner to taste the local cuisine. We didn't speak Italian; the waitstaff was properly impatient with us. After a few minutes of Bill's banter and broken Italian, the waitress couldn't do enough for us and even helped us order lunch. It was Bill's charisma that made the day special.

Walking through Vienna, we encountered one pastry shop after another. Bill would

get “a little something” from one shop and then go looking for more in the shop next door, and then again next door, and...you get the idea. There was never enough sweetness for Bill.

As passionate as Bill was about his food, his sense of humor and golf blended into many magical moments. Play a poor shot and Billy might say, “We waited for that??” Then he would let out a resounding laugh that would echo around the golf course.

As I mentioned earlier, I love Billy Suppa. Knowing him made it difficult to do anything else but to share love and laughter. Many more souls are going to have the chance to love Billy. Many a heavenly golf foursome is waiting to play a divine round of golf. But, before they do, they will have to navigate the gates of Heaven and meet Bill. Only he will give the signal to start. Everything starts with Bill. I will miss you. Rest in peace my good friend.

Howard Shaffer

howard shaffer - July 10 at 11:43 AM



“ Your words are a perfect reflection of who Billy was! Beautiful said and written, RIP Mr. Suppa we are all going to miss you very much.

Amanda Gilbert - July 10 at 02:11 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to Chris and all the Suppa family. Very touching to lose such a great friend, as he was a friend to so many. I know it is a tough time for all of you, but knowing Billy, even though there are many tears, he would want all those smiles, laughs, and stories, to be cherished by all.

I was lucky and blessed to have shared the music stage with Billy. Such a humble guy, but a great musician. I used to say to many musician friends “Have you ever really heard Billy play”? During one of our performances, Billy took this sax solo, as it was the solo that every musician dreamed of playing in their lifetime. The feel, the sound, the perfect chosen notes, just put it above all sax solos. When he finished, he turned around and looked at me with a smile, as I said to him: “Billy, where did that come from”?, as he said, “I don’t know man, it just came out”! Yeah, such a great musician and humble guy. I always reminded him of this

Yes, it breaks my heart losing such a great friend, as he was one of the greats who made the music impact on me.

His memory will always remain with me. God Bless Billy Suppa.

Jerry Fitch

jerry Fitch - July 10 at 11:28 AM



“ Our deepest condolences. We will miss him at Indian Ridge. He was so nice to all of us members. Ron and Elaine Clausen



Elaine and Ron Clausen - July 08 at 02:43 PM



“ I am not able to visit Dumont Sullivan today, but join many of our members at Indian Ridge CC who respected and loved Bill. We all feel that he was like a member of our family.
Marty Epstein

Marty Epstein - July 08 at 12:26 PM



“ Billy was such a fun person!! I always admired his love for his family and friends. A Super Star has been lost but left so many with wonderful memories to share. Such a sincere and loving guy.

Carole Morris

Carole Morris - July 08 at 12:22 AM



“ I have many good memories of the adventures we had playing music in Now and Then back in the early 80's. Rest In Peace, Bill.
Roger Kimball

Roger Kimball - July 08 at 12:22 AM



“ He will be missed by many. I am glad I got to know him. What a great guy. He always had wonderful things to say about his family. I am sorry for their loss.

Patrick Harding - July 07 at 07:22 PM



“ Billy; I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad. He is part of many kids Daley School memories. I hope you & family find peace in your memories. Jen Simard Levasseur (CHS Class of 1990 & Daley School).

jen levasseur - July 07 at 06:20 PM



“ I had the great pleasure to work with Billy for 10 years. He was a man who truly loved his job and the people he worked for and with.

Jeff Howard - July 07 at 05:53 PM



“ Bill was kind, gentle and patient. He always treated us with respect and enjoyed a good laugh. Billy handled a tough job with dexterity. He was one of a kind and we will miss him greatly!

Mike Lynch - July 07 at 05:21 PM



“ Am sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He and his band "Now and Then" were part of several special occasions in my family's lives. He will be missed by many.

Lee Toth - July 07 at 09:50 AM



“ Condolences to the Suppa family on the loss of a great guy. As a member at IRCC I have had 20 years of interaction with Billy. I remember every one as positive. He had such a gift of humor, charisma, likability.....just one of a kind. Billy will be missed by our membership but will never be forgotten by us for the positivity he brought us every day ! My sincere condolences for your loss.
Peter Brennan

Peter Brennan - July 07 at 09:12 AM



“ RIP Mr. Suppa and my condolences to his family. What a beautiful memory tribute



Deborah Mayson (Wallace) - July 07 at 08:08 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear the loss of Billy we had so much fun at the Daly School!
R.I.P. Willy! Love Natalie & Pete

Peter Keenan - July 07 at 07:49 AM



“ Condolences to the family....A teacher you don't forget....such a positive
impact..Lynda Barrett....a Daley school student

lynda barrett - July 07 at 04:31 AM



“ He was always fair and aware of social trends. I have always remembered him for
this.

Jim Harrington - July 07 at 12:17 AM



“ Billy s Presence at The Grill at Indian Ridge is irreplaceable..the 3 Short Years I had
The pleasure of knowing This Fine..One Of A Kind Man..made My Job a pleasure
Everyday ..even when catering to a mob of Hungry patrons..He Would always just
come in & light Up The Room...

Joshua Homer - July 06 at 09:03 PM



“ Always a nice way to start your day of golf was meeting Billy at the first tee at Indian
Ridge, knowing you would be greeted with a comment that made you laugh and a
look that went along with it. How lucky we were to have him in our lives.
We will miss you Billy,but know you will be looking down at some of us, wondering
why we ever decided to take up golf!!!

The tribute to Billy was very moving. Always a smile.
Our condolences to Christine and Billy's family.
Lorraine and Emmett Clemente

Emmett Clemente - July 06 at 08:53 PM



“ My heart dropped when I read this! Mr Suppa was (like most of us who had him) one of the bright parts of my say at the Daley School.:Ill never forget our 8th grade graduation rehearsals—he made us all feel like rockstars! Rest in the sweetest peace Me Suppa... much love to all who knew and loved you,

donna landry sheehan - July 06 at 07:43 PM



“ He was the best music teacher anyone could have and the nicest guy you'd want to know

Robert Harvey - July 06 at 06:41 PM



“ Deeply saddened to hear about the passing of such a good friend and colleague. Chris, you're very much in my thoughts during this difficult time. Bill McDonnell, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Bill McD5 - July 06 at 04:36 PM



“ Beautiful memories! I loved how Billy loved his family and friends. Heaven has gained a wonderful Santa! Thanks for all the smiles. Love and prayers.

Joni King - July 06 at 03:53 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Suppa Family. I had the pleasure of booking Bill and his band many years ago. I respected him as a fine musician, but an even better person. I am deeply saddened to hear of Bill's loss. May he rest in peace.

Stephen Ciccolini
Leominster, MA

Steve Ciccolini - July 06 at 02:35 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Christine and the entire Suppa family. Billy, was a character. Every time I saw him in the halls at the Daley he was always smiling. He had the best personality and sense of humor.
Chris, I'm thinking of you with fond memories. Love you God Bless

With Love and prayers,
Maureen Rogers

maureen rogers - July 06 at 01:12 PM



“ So sorry to read this. My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. Mr. Suppa was my music teacher at the Daley. When I was in his class I always felt like we were in an episode of Welcome Back Kotter. So much fun and great memories. One of my favorite teachers and I don't have too many. May he rest in peace. Thanks for making an impact on my life.

Sincerely,
Melissa White Stamp

Melissa Stamp - July 06 at 11:57 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



John Swanson - July 06 at 08:54 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to Christine and "Mr. Suppa's" sons Bill and Jamie. It seems as though all who knew him had a better day when even a sliver of it was in Bill's presence. I regret not having the opportunity to meet him as an adult.

I'm guessing he would've insisted I call him Bill or Billy as an adult, from all accounts I've seen. Although, perhaps from those same accounts I might've guessed he would've insisted I still call him Mr. Suppa, just to tease.

The photo above is of Bill in class in 1977 with my two best friends from middle school - not always known to be the quietest duo. This behavior may have subjected them to the classroom solo (duet in this case) on more than one occasion, if memory serves me.

One of Bill's classroom rules addressed the infraction of chewing gum. If a student were caught chewing gum in class, he or she had to place that wad of chewing gum on his or her nose for the remainder of the class. In hindsight, punishment was fun in his classroom, especially when imposed upon one of your class clown friends.

Another classroom memory for me was Mr Suppa singing the praises of The Beatles "Norwegian Wood (This Bird has Flown)" then instructing the entire class to sing the song in round. Singing songs in round was more appealing to the shy 7th grader that I was, opposed to performing a classroom solo. Bill's obvious passion for this song, and music in general, always made it more interesting.

Alas, this bird has flown, but the heights to which his wings allow him to soar....

I hope all the wonderful and treasured memories diminish the heartache for his family and close friends as you all cope with this tremendous loss.

Sincerely,

John (and Karen Swanson and family)

John Swanson - July 06 at 09:50 AM



“ This was also my class at Daley School. He was a wonderful teacher. My favorite. I see Gary Carney there.

Rest In Peace Mr. Suppa. I wish your family Grace during such a difficult time.

Darlene Robitaille

Class of 1977

Darlene Robitaille - July 06 at 01:15 PM



“ Thanks for sharing!

Gera - July 06 at 03:19 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Christine and Billy's entire family. I had "Mr. Suppa" in 7th grade music class and other than those solo's he made us do, I adored him!! I'm so glad I got to continue seeing him and Christine over the many years since 7th grade. He will always be remembered and loved by anyone who had the honor of knowing him. Rest in Peace Billy

Pam Furey - July 05 at 04:32 PM



“ My condolences to Chris and all the family! I have such warm memories of our days in the teachers room in the Daley in the day!!! I admired Chris and Billy so much as teachers and colleagues and of course will never forget that beautiful smile and warm heart!

Sharon Krysiak - July 06 at 08:36 AM



“ I worked with Billy for 20 years at Indian Ridge
Not a day went by that we didn't laugh. He was that kind of guy and I loved him for it.
He will be sorely missed by everyone at Indian Ridge

Mike Miller - July 05 at 04:20 PM



“ Billy is my best friend and the love of my life. He will forever be in my heart

Christine - July 05 at 03:35 PM