



William David Wyman

February 14, 1938 - April 24, 2021

William David Wyman, 83, formerly of Hampden, MA passed away of natural causes on Saturday April 24, 2021 at his Murrells Inlet residence with his loving wife by his side.

David was born February 14, 1938 in Hyannis (Barnstable County), MA to the late Chester Wyman and Barbara (Williams) Wyman.

He grew up in Osterville, MA, worked at the “House and Garden Shop” (owned by his Uncle Bob Sims whom he admired), and graduated from Barnstable High School in 1956 before serving for four years in the U.S. Navy as an electronics technician. He attended Nasson College in Springvale, Maine where he earned a Bachelor’s degree in Biology/Education and met Jane Hubbard of Newton Centre, MA who became his life-long best friend and wife. After David taught for several years at Williamsburg (MA) High School, they settled and raised a family in Hampden, Massachusetts, where David spent the bulk of his career (1969-1991) teaching Biology at Birchland Park Junior High School in East Longmeadow, MA. He was an excellent teacher, ran orderly and disciplined classrooms, shared his thoughtful curiosity and love of learning with thousands of students, and led the after-school chess club. He enjoyed earning his Master’s degree and Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study at Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT. After retiring from public school teaching in 1991, he taught part time in the science department at Western New England College.

David was a devoted father and husband who tended to avoid social gatherings or the cultivation of a wide circle of friends, preferring peaceful explorations of nature with immediate family; hikes in the woods with his beloved Basset Hound Fred, canoeing various ponds and lakes, visits to Old Sturbridge Village or Hancock Shaker Village in MA, or regular trips to Vermont. As a father, he always shared these adventures and other fun hobbies with his sons, and later his grandchildren; including stamp collecting, model trains, and chess. During summers off from teaching, he and his family took regular camping trips to various sites in northern New England and eastern New York. David, Jane, and their dog Fred (and later Pugsi) particularly loved visiting Chester, VT as well as

yearly trips with family to the Myrtle Beach, SC area. After retirement, David and Jane became longtime “snowbirds” travelling between SC and MA, and then permanent residents of Murrells Inlet in 2015.

David is survived by his wife of 56 years Jane Wyman and their dog Pugi of Murrells Inlet, SC; two sons Richard Wyman (wife Erin) of Old Lyme, CT and Scott Wyman (wife Lisa) of Honokaa, HI; grandchildren Julia, Conner, Nathaniel, Avery, and Oliver; and brother Donald (wife Linda) of Lake Charles, LA.

A private interment will occur at a future date in Chester, VT.

Goldfinch Funeral Home (Beach Chapel) of Murrells Inlet is assisting the family.

The family expresses deep appreciation to Hospice as well as Home Care Assistance of Pawleys Island for their kind care of David in his final weeks.

For those wishing to make a Memorial contribution in honor of David, the family suggests considering a donation to Old Sturbridge Village, Hancock Shaker Village, or Consumers Union (publishers of Consumer Reports magazine, which David considered a Bible, of sorts) which can be done through the organizations’ websites.

One word to summarize David’s life: simplicity. He admired the Shakers, and loved their hymn “Simple Gifts”

"'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight."

Comments



“ Dear Jane,

I was so sorry to hear that David passed away recently. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I hope that your memories will comfort you and bring you peace.

With Deepest Sympathy,
Jo Rodriguez

Josephine Rodriguez - May 03 at 06:47 PM



“ Dear Jane, I was so sorry to hear of David's passing. I always enjoyed chatting with him at our math department dinners, and remember him as friendly, modest, and funny. Blessings to you and your family as you grieve his loss, and may your years of happy memories be helpful during this time.

Most sincerely,
Dave Mazur

David Mazur - April 30 at 12:27 PM



“ Jane, I am so sorry about Dave's passing. He was a wonderful husband and father. You will all miss him deeply. It is heartwarming to read the tributes from his former students, as he touched their lives in so many ways. Peace and courage be with you and your whole family!
Blessings and love,
Sally Brown

Sally Brown - April 28 at 04:41 PM



“ Mr. Wyman was a gifted teacher and I was fortunate to be in his biology class (and chess club) at Birchland Park Jr. HS. Over thirty-five years later, I still remember some of his humorous observations and jokes . . . which made being in Jr. HS just a little bit easier some days. My condolences to his family for their loss.

Matt - April 27 at 04:31 PM



“ Jane, so sorry to hear that Dave has passed on....we all have fond memories of him. Hope you are well, thinking about all the wonderful times you had with him over your 58 years together.

Take care,

Dennis

Dennis Luciano - April 27 at 12:06 PM



“ I remember Mr. Wyman fondly as the Junior High teacher who kindled my interest in science. I was an eager student and he never seemed to tire of my endless questions. Though I did not pursue a career in the sciences, my curiosity is alive and well. Thank you, Mr. Wyman!

Susan Shaw-Meadow - April 27 at 11:35 AM



“ To my dear friend and colleague, Jane,

Hank and I are so sorry to hear of David's passing. We hope that memories of wonderful times together in the past will bring you peace.

As friends and colleagues in the mathematics department at Western New England College, Jane and I shared many wonderful experiences, and even an office for a long time. Over those years, I got to know David. He was always a gentleman, very kind, and thoughtful, with a wry sense of humor. He welcomed me into their home in Hamden, and then Hank and me into their Myrtle Beach home. While in Myrtle Beach, David showed us around to several beautiful, historic sites of the area. We really enjoyed that.

Be well, Jane, and let's stay in touch.

With love, Terry Barton

Terry Barton - April 27 at 09:41 AM



“ Rest in peace Mr. Wyman.

-John (former student)

John - April 27 at 07:45 AM



“ Our prayers with the wyman family. John and Susan Farrington Osterville

John Farrington - April 27 at 07:31 AM



“ David was an older cousin in the extended family in Osterville, Massachusetts. I always appreciated his engaging mind, simple sense of humor and appropriate laugh, and the genuine hospitality he showed during visits in recent years. Our prayers are with Jane and the rest of the family as we trust God for his compassionate love and mercy.

Sandy Williams - April 27 at 06:26 AM



“ from don and linda wyman purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William David Wyman.



from don and linda wyman - April 26 at 06:46 PM



“ I taught with Dave at Birchland Park. I have always remembered how kind and supportive he was to me as I was a new teacher. He was a no nonsense sort of person, who unsuccessfully hid his “soft side.” I will remember him as a dedicated colleague and mentor. My heartfelt condolences to his family. Dr. Joanne Welch

Dr. Joanne Welch - April 26 at 06:00 PM