



Ralph H. "Bud" Kendall

June 12, 1943 - June 13, 2020

Ralph H. "Bud" Kendall Jr., 77, of Estero, passed away on June 13, 2020 in Naples. He was the devoted husband of Diane A. Kendall (née Gebo).

Mr. Kendall was born on June 12, 1943 in Springfield, MA, to the late Ralph H. and Anne C. (née Rourke) Kendall. He grew up locally, graduating from Springfield Trade High School where he met his future wife Diane (née Gebo). Upon graduation he secured a position with New England Telephone Company; and held many positions within the company for over 30 years. Bud and Diane became Mr. and Mrs. Kendall in 1965 and settled in Wilbraham, MA. They were blessed with three children; Patrick, Kelly, and the late Michael Kendall. Mr. Kendall decided after his years in the Telecommunications field that it was time to retire and did so; relocating to Bonita Springs in 1995. His strong work ethic prevailed and, in order to keep himself busy, he secured a position as Property Manager for a number of luxury condominiums and created a business caring for the homes of his neighbors in the Bonita Bay area for nearly 25 years.

Mr. Kendall had many passions in his life. He had a passion for hockey and played during high school and he enjoyed coaching the next generation of hockey players for many years. He loved to travel and also spent time boating. He found joy tinkering in his garage and being the handyman to help others when needed. Above all else was the time he spent with family and

friends.

Mr. Kendall is survived by beloved his wife of 55 years, Diane A. Kendall (née Gebo) of Estero. Father to Patrick J. Kendall and his wife Liane of MA, Kelly A. Kendall and her husband Aaron Kayafas of MA. Brother-in-law to Frederick D. Gebo of MA. Grandfather to Michael J. Kendall, John P. Kendall, and Megan K. Weissenburger. He was preceded in death by his son, the late Michael Kendall, and his sister, the late Barbara Caney (née Kendall).

Services for Mr. Kendall will be held in Massachusetts at a future date to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the American Cancer Society www.donate3.cancer.org

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated since 1978.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph H. "Bud" Kendall*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *June 28, 2020*

Dear Diane Kendall and Family:

I am so sorry to hear of Buddy's passing. We were good friends back in the day and we continued to stay in touch when we were both managers at the Telephone Company. Buddy was an excellent Hockey Goalie and we played against each other as a part of the Eddie Shore's Junior Hockey program on Saturday mornings at the Eastern States Coliseum. My favorite memory of Buddy occurred in the early 1960's. My friends from East Longmeadow met up with Ralph and his buddies from Indian Orchard at a popular lounge over on Rt 5 in W. Springfield.

The owner had placed a large table in the middle of the dance area. Not long after, the sound system started playing (the popular song at the time) the "Twist" by Chubby Checker. just as the song started, Buddy suddenly jumped up on the table and began to do the twist in front of the large crowd that gathered around him. He was laughing and shouting for us to join him... which we all did! After the song ended, the crowd gave Buddy an extended ovation and for the rest of the evening Buddy was "King" of the joint. I think another old friend John Long (in a previous note) said it best...."Buddy was one of the real good guys"....I'm going to miss you Buddy, rest in peace my friend.

Patrick (Pat) O'Connor

E-mail: babybellman1@verizon.net

Patrick O'Connor - July 01, 2020 at 11:43 AM

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“ *Diane, so sorry to hear of Bud's passing; our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

So many fond memories of growing up together, starting families and the many cookout we shared. I remember drinking our new rage of the time, "Harvey Wallbangers", vodka, orange juice and Galiano floated on top.

Bud tried one and went back to his favorite beer, a Bud.

He will always be remembered by us.

Ernie Francis

Ernie Francis - June 17, 2020 at 11:38 PM

KP

Diane-Patrick and Kelly: I second my Dad's sentiments as I have such wonderful childhood memories of summers at each other's pools (yours was so much better!) Whoopie pies (because we couldn't drink adult beverages!) and fireworks.

My thoughts and prayers go out to you all and your families. May your memories of good times comfort you now.

Love, Karen

Karen Peters - June 18, 2020 at 12:53 PM

LG

Dear Diane, Patrick, Kelly and families, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I feel blessed to have known Bud, a true gentleman! May you take comfort in knowing that he touched so many lives in positive ways. Hugs and extra hugs are enclosed.

Lynn Gebo - June 19, 2020 at 04:24 PM