



## William M. Stebbins Sr.

July 12, 1953 - October 10, 2017

PITTSBURG— William ‘Bill’ M. Stebbins, Sr., 64, of Pittsburg, passed away peacefully early Tuesday morning, Oct. 10, 2017, at his home after a long illness.

He was born in New Milford, Conn., on July 12, 1953, a son to the late Richard M. Stebbins, Sr. and Helen Zinick. He was raised in Connecticut and graduated from New Milford High School in 1971.

Bill started his career as a police officer for 5 years in New Milford. He then became employed as the corporate loss prevention officer and security chief for the Stop-N-Shop division of Bradlee’s for the next 25 years. Having fallen in love with the Pittsburg area as a youth visiting family, Bill retired in 1996 and moved north with his family.

His passion was car racing, as it had been for his father before him. He raced cars for many years in Connecticut and raced for 20 years at the Riverside Speedway in Groveton. He was well known in racing circles for his technical expertise, at one time even helping set up Dale Earnhardt, Jr.’s car at Daytona. He loved to build the cars and get them set for the track. He was also an avid pool player and was a multi-time league champion of the men’s pool league in Canaan. Bill was also a people lover, and he loved to be around people. He will be remembered for his sense of humor and his quality

of being honest to a fault. Always doing the right thing was an important quality to him throughout his life.

Bill leaves behind his wife of 32 years, Dorothy (Rausch) Stebbins of Pittsburg; his son, William M. Stebbins, Jr., and wife Samantha of Pittsburg; a sister, Cyndy Brissette and husband Thomas of Washington Depot, Conn.; a brother, James Stebbins and wife Wendy of Havelock, NC; his step-mother, Nancy Stebbins of Pittsburg; a step-brother, Burton Peet and wife Lisa of Stewartstown; and a granddaughter, Lita Stebbins.

He is pre-deceased by two brothers, Richard Stebbins, Jr., and Harrison 'Skip' Stebbins.

There are no public calling hours. A memorial service will be held on Monday, Oct. 16, 2017, at 11 a.m. at the Monadnock Congregational Church in Colebrook.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Stebbins may be made to either the 45th Parallel EMS, 46 Ramsey Road, Colebrook, NH 03576; or to the Pittsburg Fire & Rescue, 1684 Main St., Pittsburg, NH 03592.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Monadnock Congregational Church  
Main Street  
Colebrook, NH

# Tribute Wall

LD

“ I met "Skipper" our Junior year of HS. We became quick friend. He was such a clown. I was in such a place as far as family goes. Bill could understand what it was like because we could have siblings experiences. He has even helped since we graduated. His humor was a gift and he used it to help people. I nicknamed him Skipper because he was forever skipping classes or school entirely. He liked it and never told me I should stop. Neither did any of his life-long friends. He had lost a younger brother, they called Skip.I just found out it recently.I felt terrible.  
I will forever remember his sense of humor. Also his tried and true friendship gift more valuable than gold.  
I WILL SURE MISS YOU EVERYDAY, SKIPPER!

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**Linda D'Agostino** - February 20, 2018 at 01:20 AM

CS

“ Dorothy.....Bill....I just seen this now and am heartbroken to hear about Bills passing...it's been a few years since we spoke but my memory jogs when I would stop in Northland and remember pool nights ..... chatting about cars and watching Sr make some wild shots on the table....I was up for Fryburg.... stayed at the cabin down Backlake and thought about stopping by....now I wish I had.....RIP Bill....your memory and stories will live in many....

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**Corey Schmidt** - November 27, 2017 at 07:30 PM

AG

“ Dorothy, Bill, and family,  
We were very sorry to hear of your recent loss. Please accept our condolences. Prayers for comfort in the happy memories that you hold of special times together.  
Lindsey and Ann

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**Ann Gray** - October 18, 2017 at 04:47 PM

BC

“ *Bill, Dorothy & Families-*

*I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father, husband and grandfather. I hope you find strength in the people around you who care.*

*Bridget Cross*

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**Bridget Cross** - October 17, 2017 at 09:51 AM

JG

“ *Cyndy & Tommy*

*I'm so sorry for your loss, Jim & Sandy Guay*

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**Jim Guay** - October 16, 2017 at 05:22 PM

HH

“ *Our deepest condolences go out to the family on your loss.*

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**Haven & Peggy Haynes** - October 16, 2017 at 03:51 AM


DS

“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Wall*



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**Dorothy Stebbins** - October 14, 2017 at 08:24 PM

 Noel  
Dayfield

“ I recently saw this and was in shock and disbelief. I wanted to say a few words about my Uncle Bill. He was such a teaser always making jokes and making people laugh and bringing joy. I will never forget all the times he would tease me as a kid and make me laugh. I love you Uncle Bill and I never said it enough and I will really miss you. I wish I had more time. Leon and I will always remember the joy of when you would visit Connecticut in the summer and on Thanksgiving and all other special family events. You will always be in my heart. Aunt Dorothy, Bill, Samantha, Lita, Leon and I will be praying for you all here at college and look forward to seeing you soon and love you very much and wish we could be there for you. Thanks for being my Uncle Bill!

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**Noel Dayfield** - October 14, 2017 at 01:23 AM

PN

“ Dorothy,  
I am so sorry to read of your loss. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.  
Paula Noll

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**Paula Noll** - October 13, 2017 at 06:06 PM

ER

“ Dear Dorothy and family  
I was saddened to hear of Bills passing. My prayers and thoughts are with you all.  
With deepest sympathy, Aunt Elaine Rausch

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**Elaine Rausch** - October 13, 2017 at 03:32 PM

LC

“ Laurie Coffey Cruess lit a candle in memory of William M. Stebbins Sr.



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Laurie Coffey Cruess - October 13, 2017 at 09:04 AM

LC

*I remember are racing nights at Stafford, he was a great guy. My sincere sympathy to his family.*

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Laurie Coffey Cruess - October 13, 2017 at 09:05 AM

SR

“ Sandy and I greatly enjoyed coming up to Pittsburg for Bill, Jr and Samantha's wedding a few years ago. One of the highlights was when Bill drove us all around the Pittsburg and Connecticut Lakes region giving us the grand tour and pointing out various landmarks. We loved our time visiting with him and Dorothy. I remember Bill telling us that Pittsburg is the biggest township (size wise) in New England. My opinion is that it is also one of the most beautiful areas you can find!

*We also spent some time admiring the Stebbins race car and awesome race garage. But most of all I distinctly remember realizing how much Bill, Jr. admired, respected, and loved his Dad, whom he considered his best friend!*

*I also appreciate what a very very good husband Bill has been to my sister Dorothy. And thanks Bill for being a great brother in law who always had a kind and thoughtful word to say. Love you as a brother, Bill! Stephen Rausch*

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stephen Rausch - October 12, 2017 at 11:07 PM

RP

“ *Rosalie King And David Parker lit a candle in memory of William M. Stebbins Sr.*



Rosalie King and David Parker - October 12, 2017 at 10:53 PM

RP

*Thinking of you all. Hugs*

Rosalie King and David Parker - October 12, 2017 at 10:55 PM

RS

*RIP Billy. Bob Bruey*

robert bruey sr - October 14, 2017 at 10:46 AM

VR

“ *My deepest condolences to you Dorothy and Billy. As I sat at home tonight, his memory came to me, and the thought he had passed, leaving me to check the Jenkins website. He was a great man always willing to share his time and talents with others. I will always remember his wit and intelligence. He loved his family and racing. He will be missed by many.*

Virginia Rockhill - October 12, 2017 at 10:29 PM

 Donna Dickinson

“ *I grew up with Billy , as we called him then. I am saddened to learn of his passing. God bless and prayers to his family.  
Donna Jackson-Dickinson*

Donna Dickinson - October 12, 2017 at 08:47 PM

MG

“ *Sending our prayers & sympathy to you all.*

*Giroux Family (speedway 51)*

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**Mike Giroux** - October 12, 2017 at 08:45 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Prayers for the Family.*

*Darlene McBreairty/Oviatt*

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**Lucinda Oviatt** - October 12, 2017 at 06:54 PM



“ *Bill was a great father passing the racing torch to Our Son, Billy. I enjoyed the many telephone conversations we had over the years. Dorothy is a blessing to Billy! Oh, my son, how my heart hurts for you! Find Peace that your Dad is no longer suffering. I love you!*

💖 *Mom ~ MIZPAH*

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**Holly Harding** - October 12, 2017 at 04:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William M. Stebbins Sr..*



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October 12, 2017 at 06:56 AM

SP

“ Dorothy, Bill and Sam, We are so sorry to hear about Billy. He was one of a kind and always willing to lend a hand at the track. So many great memories of him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Steve & Wanda

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**Steve Patnaude** - October 11, 2017 at 09:01 PM

PG

“ Sorry for your loss  
Pedro grondin

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**Pedro grondin** - October 11, 2017 at 08:45 PM

LK

“ Dorothy, Bill and Sam. So Sorry for you loss. He was a great man. One of my Memories of Bill. I use to pick on him when he came into the Trading Post. He brought the house I use to live in on Back Lake. It was alittle Joke between us. May he rest in peace. L.Keyser

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**Lousie Keyser** - October 11, 2017 at 08:43 PM

JL

“ From all of us at team HLLR, short track racing has lost one of the good ones in Bill Stebbins Sr.!! Rest easy Bill and prayers to the entire family...

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**Jean and Jane LeBlanc** - October 11, 2017 at 07:51 PM

TA

“ Bill, Dorothy, and Family,  
I am very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I only met him a few times, but if he was anything like his son, then he was a classy, caring gentleman. My thoughts and prayers go out to him and your family.  
Tom

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**Tom Allin** - October 11, 2017 at 07:19 PM

RL

“ To Bill's family, I am very sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed visiting with Bill at the race track. Rest in peace Bill.

Renee Lambert-Powers - October 11, 2017 at 06:08 PM

MH

“ Many great memories racing for Bill Sr at the track and in the garage. His presence and knowledge of racing and many other things will be greatly missed. I've never met a better person. Rest easy my friend.  
Mike H and family

Michael Hughes - October 11, 2017 at 05:52 PM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Rest in Peace my friend I will miss seeing you in the store and you given me a hard time.  
Debbie Boivin



Debbie Boivin - October 11, 2017 at 05:34 PM

JO

“ So sorry for your loss. You and your wonderful family are in my prayers.

Joanne O'Brien - October 11, 2017 at 04:59 PM

SL

“ Rest In Peace Bill, we will miss your humor and pool skills, love Scott and Conni.

Scott Leigh - October 11, 2017 at 04:50 PM

Min  
Kennett

“ Thoughts and prayers are with his family. I had many good times with Bill at Riverside Speedway!

Min Kennett - October 11, 2017 at 03:30 PM

SR

Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Claude will miss Bill in pool. He like the friendly competition they had between them.

sylvie roy - October 11, 2017 at 07:15 PM

LF

“ Deepest sympathy to the family....sorry for your loss



Lynn rancort & Makayla farrow - October 11, 2017 at 02:18 PM

DG

“ Although I have not seen, nor spoken with Bill for many years, I remember him as a fun-loving, outgoing guy. I first met him in grade school when members of my family and his lived in the same housing unit. He's one of the good guys, and I have no doubt he will be missed. My condolences to the family.

Dean Golembeski - October 11, 2017 at 02:16 PM



Loni  
Keyser

“ One of many memories I have of Bill Sr. was this one time I made a comment about out running him and he said "Can you run faster than 1700 ft per second" I said No why? Then he said "because that is how fast the bullet travels coming out of his 357." HAHAHA we laughed. This will always stay with me as will ALL the AWESOME memories I will have of him. Go rest in peace, my friend and father like figure. P. Keyser

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**Loni Keyser** - October 11, 2017 at 10:36 AM



PG

“ Deepest sympathy to Dorothy, Bill, and Sam.

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**Patricia Grover** - October 11, 2017 at 10:35 AM