



Mr. William R. Fortey

May 11, 1940 - June 1, 2019

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Otisfield, ME– William R. Fortey, 79 of Otisfield passed away peacefully Saturday, June 1st in Milton, GA after recent illness.

William (Bill) was born in Boston, MA on May 11, 1940; the son of William R. Fortey and Anne Matilda (Cappella) Fortey of Arlington, MA.

Bill attended the Military College of Vermont at Norwich University in Northfield, VT. Following his graduation, Bill served as 1st Lieutenant in the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment stationed at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. He went on to work for Exxon Corporation and later Northeast Bank following his military service.

Bill married Patricia A. (Chabot) Fortey in August 1963 and lovingly cared for her until her death in December 2017. He is survived by 3 loving children: Michael Fortey of Houston, Texas, Kevin Fortey of Natick, Massachusetts and Doreen Doster of Alpharetta, Georgia. He is also survived by his 3 grandchildren: Kathryn Fortey, Abby Doster, and Jake Doster.

Bill has enjoyed Thompson Lake since his summers there during his adolescence, and continued to bring his family there each and every summer before relocating to Maine after his wife's retirement. Whether it was fishing, sailing, or waterskiing, Bill could always be found on the waters of Thompson Lake. Lifelong friendships, chess matches by the lake, and countless evenings at the cottage with good friends and family will be the memories cherished by all. A graveside service will be held Friday, June 28th at 10am at

the South Otisfield Cemetery on Powhatan Rd. (also known as Forrest Edwards Cemetery) in Otisfield, Maine. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made "In memory of William Fortey" by check to: Thompson Lake Environmental Association P.O. Box 25 Oxford, ME. 04270. For online condolences, please visit www.northsidechapel.com/obituaries

Cemetery Details

Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William R. Fortey*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *From Bill's obit: "Lifelong friendships, chess matches by the lake, and countless evenings at the cottage with good friends and family will be the memories cherished by all."*

These are my cherished memories as well. Bill loved games. When i was a little kid he was my first hockey coach. He sent us a newsletter each week - Bruins Briefs - with stats and highlights from the games and the season. As teenagers w would sit at his kitchen table in Boxford and duke it out in epic Monopoly games.

Teenagers. Imagine that, today. Bill wheeled and dealed. No boring allowed. He would offer ridiculously lopsided property trades. I'll give you a utility and a railroad for your Park Place. Come on! It's a great deal. He never missed ome of Kevin's or our soccer game. He backed the teams and all of us.

At Thompson Lake in Maine it was games from dawn until you dragged yourself to bed. A morning ski, tennis matches, a swim, volleyball, yahtzee, cribbage, an evening ski, scrabble and on and on. When he took you tubing he thrashed you, wit his big, often toothless grin in the boat the whole way. Bill made life fun for a bunch of kids.

*Bill Fortey was a gift for me. Definitely miss Bill and Pat and will cherish all of those memories. My deepest condolences to Kevin, Mike, Doreen and their families and to all who knew and loved Bill.
Greg Gatlin*

Greg Gatlin - June 08, 2019 at 10:05 AM

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Thank you so much for sharing your memories, Greg. He touched so many lives and had so much fun along the way! Hope to see you soon.
Doreen

Doreen Doster - June 11, 2019 at 12:31 AM