

William Sherry of Garrison, NY died December 15, 2016, in New York City after a seven-month battle with cancer. Bill was born in 1947 in Jersey City, NJ, to Elizabeth (Driscoll) and John Sherry. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Gail; sisters Alice Hayes (Frank Ruth) of Ridgefield, CT and Elizabeth Flynn of Hancock, MI; brother John (Celeste) of West Nyack, NY; nieces Mary (Chris) Phelps of Ridgefield, CT, Jamie (Dave) Neufeld of Lyons, CO, and Kate Flynn of Washington, DC; great nieces and nephews Ben, Nate, Megan, and Jack.

Bill is also survived by his mother- and father-in-law Patricia and Roger Haadsma of Rockford, MI; brother-in-law James (Luanne) Haadsma of Cedar Springs, MI; sisters-in-law Luanne (Larry) Dewey of Indianapolis, IN and Mari (Daniel) Dawley of Enfield, NH; nieces and nephews-in-laws Jonathan, David, Sean, Nathaniel, Trevor, and Leah; and great nieces and nephew-in-law Lola, Owen and Hudson.

Bill taught English at Copper Beech Middle School in Shrub Oak, NY for 32 years. He enjoyed teaching young people and used humor to reach his students. His nieces and nephews can attest to his frequent corny jokes. He infused his own love of literature into his teaching and took pleasure in sharing the names of his favorite books with his friends. He relaxed by doing the New York Times crossword puzzle - in ink.

During summer breaks, Bill traveled around Europe. In Spain he met Salvador Dali, who gave him several autographed prints. Another highlight for Bill was “running with the bulls” in Pamplona, which he did twice.

Sports were an important part of Bill’s life. He was a basketball and a track and field star at St. Luke’s High School in Ho-ho-kus, NJ. Bill graduated from Pace University in Pleasantville, NY in 1970, where he was a three-year starter on the varsity men’s basketball team and co-captain his senior year. Bill also ran in ten marathons.

In 1978 Bill turned his passion for running into a business and co-founded Super Race Systems, a nationally known race timing company based in the metropolitan New York area. Bill prized the friendships that developed all over

the country with fellow timers, event organizers, volunteers, and participants. He took great pride in the fact that through race timing, he helped raise funds for many charities. In 2005 he was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel for his contributions in that state. Bill received special recognition from the NYSP Trooper Foundation for his annual support since 1978.

Bill loved the game of golf, both as a competitor and a fan. He treasured his invitation to the Masters and went to Augusta 21 times. Bill started playing golf as a child at the Ramsey Golf & Country Club in NJ. He played on the golf team at Pace University and continued playing competitive golf his entire life. He played in both the British Amateur championship and the U.S. Mid-Amateur championship. Some of his local achievements include 1990 club champion at Southern Dutchess Country Club, 2000 club champion at Dutchess Golf and Country Club, 2003 Hudson River Golf Association champion, 2009 Eastern Seniors Golf Association champion, and 2012 Westchester Seniors Golf Association champion.

Bill will be remembered by all who knew him for his loyal friendship, warmth, generosity, and humor. Donations may be made in Bill's memory to the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor, <https://www.atonementfriars.org/make-a-donation/>, or Bill's Giving page at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, <http://mskcc.convio.net/goto/WilliamSherry>.