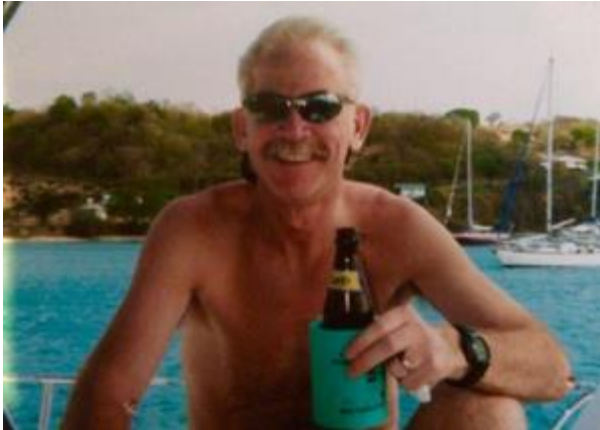


## Half Staff – William “Bill” Waddell

December 20, 2017



ROCKPORT, MA – William “Bill” Benton Waddell, 66, of Rockport, Mass., passed away on December 20, 2017, after a long stubborn fight with Huntington’s disease. A celebration of life for Bill will be held at the Congregational Church in Rockport on Tuesday, December 26, at 10 a.m. Family and friends are invited to a reception at the Fish Shack immediately after.

Bill attended RHS, met the love of his life, Sue, in High School, and they have been together ever since. After graduating High School, Bill attended North Adams State University and went on to a long career at UMass Boston. His children, Greg and Jaci, were the light of his life and he went on to share his love of the outdoors and his hobbies with his kids at every possible chance. Bill had many passions in his life and he did them all with exuberance. He was an avid sailor, skier, runner, soccer player and hiker. Whether on the Sea Flea or on a yacht in the Caribbean, it didn’t matter — he was happiest being on a boat on the ocean.

Bill was a bright light in everyone’s life who knew him. Never a bad word, always a positive attitude and a zest for life. He had an absolute love of family and had a very special extraordinary circle of friends who have shared a lifetime of joys and sorrows together. He was an amazing and loving husband, father, brother, uncle and a role model on how to stay positive when there can’t possibly be a reason why. All marks of an extra special beautiful life. We will all carry with us throughout the rest of our lives his positive spirit, amazing memories and his “Bill..isms.” To name a few — everything was always “Excellent!”; every grey day he would always say, “I think it’s brightening up”; and no matter what was happening in his life, “it’s all good!” So this is how he would want it to end – with “It’s all good!”

Bill is survived by his wife, Sue Waddell; son, Greg Waddell and partner, Chyanne Stowell; daughter, Jaci McDowell and husband, Adam MacDowell; grandchildren, Ava, Hunter and Kenna MacDowell; brother, Jim Waddell and wife, Nancy; sister, Bonnie Graham and husband, John; and sister, Joan Smith and husband, Don; and many nieces and nephews who all were lucky to have an Uncle Bill in their lives. He was predeceased by his mother, Nancy Carlson; father, Chet Waddell; and nephew, Matthew Waddell.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Huntington’s Disease Society of America, and would be greatly appreciated. [www.hdsa.org](http://www.hdsa.org)