



William Arthur Costello

October 14, 1954 - March 3, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce that William “Billy” Costello, Jr. died peacefully at home on March 3, 2025. Billy was born on October 14, 1954, the son of the late William and Dorothy (Lemieux) Costello. Originally from Warwick, Bill spent the last decade living in the Villages, FL.

Billy’s love language was food. He enjoyed preparing 4-course meals for his loved ones and devoted his career to the culinary arts. Billy was an Executive Chef and General Manager to several, large convention centers including New York City, NY; Charlotte, NC; Washington, DC; Phoenix, AZ; and Miami Beach, FL.

He loved to travel and to spend time with family and friends. He was an avid New England Patriots and Boston Red Sox fan. He was a proud SAL member of American Legion Post #347 in Lady Lake, FL.

He leaves behind his wife, Ketty Estrada; his sister Sandra and her husband John Schaefer; his sister Mary French and his three nieces who he cherished: Kelli, Charlotte and his best friend, Alice. He is preceded in death by his

favorite brother-in-law, Fred French.

Billy is also survived by his cousin Paul Lemieux, who was like a brother to him. Paul, Jo-Ann and Pauli provided much love and support to Bill in his final years. Costi also leaves behind his lifelong childhood friends, Bill Savage, Bobby Lees and Skip Jackman.