

# William Carter Obituary

Our community and family lost a gentle, loving, and generous soul, when Mr. William Joseph Carter, Jr passed away unexpectedly on Monday, August 16, 2021, at the age of 81. He was born in Pittsfield, MA, on April 29, 1940, the son of the late William J. Carter Sr. and Rita Thompson Carter. He graduated in 1967 from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst with his Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, as part of the GE apprentice program.

Bill was employed by General Electric for 43 years, where he designed large power transformers. Before retirement in 2005, he was the manager of maintenance and security. He was a lifetime member of IEEE.

Bill was dedicated to his family and lived a life of service to family, friends, church, community, and work. He was an active member of St. Stephen's Parish, as usher, property committee, and coordinator of Habitat for Humanity. For several years he was on the board of directors and was president for the Maples senior housing in Worthington. He was always willing to help his daughters and friends with projects, especially repairs or woodworking.

Bill had a passion for steam trains, HO model railroading, photography, home renovations, and community. He was one of the original members since 1956 of the Berkshire Model Railroad Society and a member for 65 years. Since 1965, Bill was also a member of the Amherst Railway Society for 56 years, where he volunteered for many years at the Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show at the Big E. A lifelong love of steam trains. led him to many train trips. For his 60th birthday he was thrilled to have the opportunity to briefly drive a real steam engine in Essex, CT.. Retirement allowed him to take a trip across Canada and then back to the US by trains with his wife, Teddy.

Bill was an enthusiastic photographer and passed that passion to his daughters. As the one behind the lens, our photos of him are somewhat limited, and we would love to receive stories and photographs with remembrances.

Another love that he and Teddy shared with the girls was for animals; he took care of the horses on the property and was loved by all the cats and dogs. His family and friends will miss him greatly. While he will be remembered for many things his smile is one of things that many people recall.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Theodora "Teddy" (Stevens), of 51 years, whom he married on October 4, 1970. His joys were his daughters Sally L. Carter, of Nashua, NH and Jill M. Carter of Hudson, MA. Bill's siblings are Betty Carter Harrison of Delmar, NY; Nancy Carter Olson (Carl) of Pittsfield, MA; Phillip Carter (Yan Li) of Gilmanton, NH; David Carter (Ann) of Pittsfield, MA; as well as many nieces, nephews, and their families.