

William F. DeSimone

June 23, 1947 - May 21, 2021

William F. DeSimone, 73, a lifelong resident of Cold Spring, New York, died on May 21, 2021 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center.

Born on June 23, 1947 in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, William was the son of Shirley Clum.

William proudly served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He received his Basic and Advanced Infantry Training with Charlie Company of the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry of the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas from late 1966 until departing for Vietnam on September 1, 1967. Soon after arriving in Vietnam, he was transferred to an Infantry Unit of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), where he served as a Combat Infantryman. He was a lifetime member of DAV and the American Legion.



He worked as a butcher for A&P in Yorktown Heights for over 47 years. On September 4, 1965 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill, William married Rosemary Grova who survives at home. William and Rosemary met when he was 15 years old.

He loved his wife of 55 years, his children, and his family more than anything. He was a caring and loving man who always put people first. He put everyone before himself and he had a heart of gold. He was a kind man who will always be in our hearts forever.

In addition to Rosemary, other survivors include his children, William Joseph (Billy Joe) and his wife Gabrielle of Cold Spring and Gina Pereira and her husband Jorge of Hopewell Junction; his grandchildren, the absolute loves of his life, Elena, Isabella, and Melanie; his niece, Christina DeDonato and her husband Tony along with their son, his grandnephew, Christopher (his "Donato D" always held a special place in William's heart) of Beacon; his niece, Lisa Miner of Wappingers Falls; his niece, Wendy Haumaier of Poughkeepsie; his cousins, Tony Walters of Brooklyn and Patricia Collier of Florida; his brother, Robert DeSimone of North Carolina; and his stepsister, Diane Brinks of Florida. He is also survived by countless cousins.

