



Willie Frazee

June 14, 1953 - March 10, 2017

William V. "Willie" Frazee, Jr., 63, passed away on Friday, March 10, 2017.

Willie was born in Albany, NY on June 14, 1953, the son of May Champagne Frazee and the late William Frazee. He was a 1972 graduate of Maple Hill High School in Castleton, New York where he played football and ran track and field. He also attended Christian Brothers Academy in Albany, NY for one year. Willie displayed an early aptitude for all things mechanical. He loved fast cars, motorcycles, snowmobiles, jet-skis - anything with an engine.

His parents owned a camp on Kayaderosseras Creek where Willie loved to hang out and entertain his friends. As a youth he worked at Kayaderosseras Park and later at the famous Rafters Bar. He also dabbled in local theater, acting and singing in a few Saratoga plays.

Willie served his country in the United States Air Force. After serving in the military, he selected the Chain o' Lakes area as his base of operation. He established his own marine construction company and called it Seawalls by Willie.

Willie was a true renaissance man. He could cook, sew, build, or fix just about anything. He had friends across the country and would regularly check in with his signature "Hey, where are you? Call me." He was an original, a true

character who seemed larger than life wearing his Stetson, sporting cowboy boots, and wearing some combination of his patriotic red, white and blue.

He is survived by his son Quintin of Island Lake, IL; mother May of Buxton, ME; siblings Hon. Evelyn (Tom Klonick) Frazee, of Fairport, NY; Nancy (Robert) Costigan of Buxton, ME; and Steven Frazee of Albany, NY; and by several nieces and nephews.

Memorial visitation will take place at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave. Lake Villa, IL 60046 on Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 10 a.m. until the time of memorial service at noon. A luncheon will follow the service at KC's Cabin at Rte 173 & Wilmot Rd in Spring Grove, IL

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
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Memorial Service

APR 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Frazee*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Willie Frazee*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Willie's mother May was our neighbor and that's how we met Willie. We didn't have the pleasure of having Willie in our life very long and we are saddened as we just found out about his passing this morning. I remember every time Willie would come to visit his mother May, he got out of his truck and his smile hit you right between the eyes. Each time Willie visited his mom, he would knock on our door and his presence was something that we'll never forget. He made your day so much better as his smile just scattered more sunshine. Just being with him, talking to him, always lifted your spirits and we will always remember the laughter that he brought into our hearts. He was indeed a man you could never forget. Our prayers to with Willie's family. Thank you May for introducing us to Willie. It was a gift that we will always be thankful for.*

*Patricia and Tom Madalena
Fairport New York*

Tom Madalena - May 23, 2017 at 11:22 AM

KC

“ Friends and family would all anchor/tie up in Columbia Bay every weekend without fail west of the old monastery and party. (circa mid 80's) My dad's boat, Miss T, would be the anchor boat due to her size and we'd have 6,7,8 boats rafting off. I was on a mission to get up my liquid courage to para-sail with Wild Willie (my birthday twin/Flag Day) on that one day..... I was ready but his vessel was not! LOL! I remember blabbering- I will be so hung over tomorrow with no bragging rights of flying!! I will always remember this crazy fun loving man! Muah! Karen Tomal-Crutchfield

Karen Crutchfield - April 08, 2017 at 09:23 PM

SJ

“ There was never a better or truer friend than Willie. We've been friends since the 80's and we loved him and will miss him more than we can say. He was a one-of-a-kind, bigger than life man with a big personality and a bigger heart...a true original who touched anyone lucky enough to know him. Our deepest sympathy to Quintin. With our love and deep sadness for the loss of this wonderful man. Wally & Sheila Jaszkowski

Sheila Jaszkowski - March 27, 2017 at 10:14 AM

MC

“ Willie was a colorful, larger than life, entertaining man. He played a "fantasy fan man" and "Santiago El Schmoogo" in a couple of my children musicals and sang on our CD. He told me he took dancing lessons so he could "get the girls."
I remember going to a musical on a bus with a bunch of people and Willie was all dressed up in a Tux, and he entertained us all by singing the songs from the show.
He was talented. He was humorous. He was handsome. He was hardworking.
He was strong and a fighter to the end. He will be missed.

Madonna Maze /Lady Creator - March 26, 2017 at 09:12 AM

LP

“ Use to love to dance with this guy. Fun memories parasailing also.
Rest in Peace Willie

Linda

Linda Pinson - March 23, 2017 at 01:13 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willie Frazee.



March 22, 2017 at 04:05 PM

SA

“ Well we go all the way back to early 80's frigates bar to march 10th 2017. Best bestie ever. I still expecting him to walk in to our bar and twirl me around. Will never forget until we meet again my friend

Sharon Arimas - March 21, 2017 at 09:08 AM

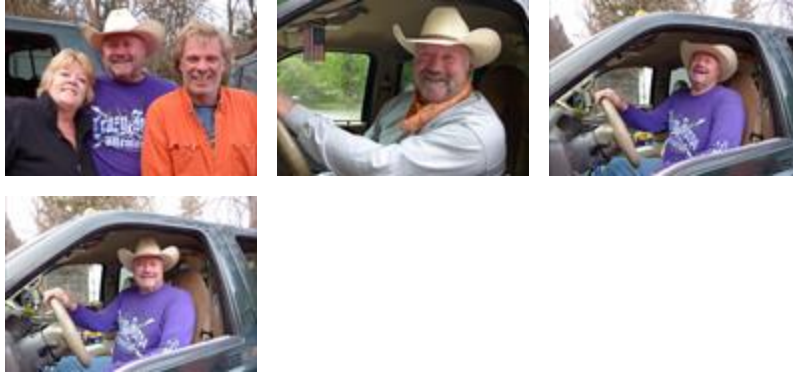
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“ Willie was a big part of my life since the 70's in Saratoga Springs, NY. He was always so full of life & was a true entertainer spreading joy everywhere he went. A very kind & loving soul with more life experiences than one person could ever dream of having. He lived life to it's fullest, embraced every new adventure with that "Crazy Frazee" enthusiasm & excitement! A legend that has left an imprint on all who knew & loved him. We will miss you my "Brother from Another Mother". Our deepest heartfelt sympathy to all his family & friends. Love you Willie Frazee!!! Thank you for being YOU!!!!

Susan Henry Shatley - March 18, 2017 at 12:08 PM

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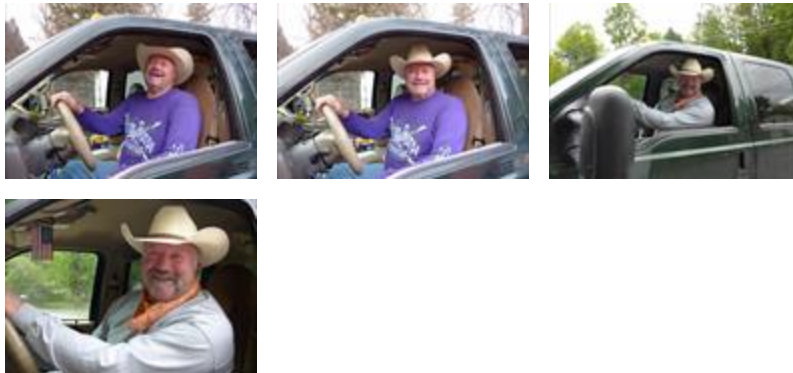
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Susan Henry Shatley - March 18, 2017 at 11:52 AM

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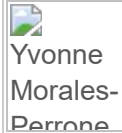


Susan & Henry Shatley - March 18, 2017 at 11:43 AM

PW

“ *He was a wonderful man - RIP sorry for your loss*

Pamela West - March 14, 2017 at 11:30 AM



Yvonne
Morales-
Perrone

“ Even in his last days he NEVER lost his sense of humor. Crazy Frazee will be missed by many and loved by all. He was a great man to know with a heart of gold.

Yvonne Morales-Perrone - March 14, 2017 at 11:08 AM

GR

Willie was a great big character of a man with an even larger heart! I was blessed to know and love him like the big brother he was to me. I learned a lot from him about toughness and compassion as he had the extreme of both. I met him In the mid 70's as my dad welcomed him to live in our basement and he became the only big brother I ever had. Not always the perfect example to follow but always the most fun he came to Fox Lake like a tornado and touched many lives. Over the last 20 years he mellowed a little, gave up a vice or two and as late as last Fall was still working for homeowners doing jobs that the strongest 20 & 30 year olds today couldn't handle.

Willie became a stronger Spiritual man over the past 15-20 years and knowing how much he loved God I'm confident he is looking down on us all thinking.... "If I knew how nice it is up here I might of been a little crazier over those 6 decades on Earth". I like so many will miss Willie a lot but the many memories of Willie won't fade from my fondest memories. I, Cheryl and my family love you Willie and appreciate the friend you we have in you. God Bless You Big Brother!

Gary Rabine

gary rabine - April 04, 2017 at 08:09 AM