



William M. Dinneen

November 25, 1952 - December 19, 2025

William M. Dinneen, age 73, of North Branford, Connecticut, passed away peacefully after illness on December 19, 2025, surrounded by his children. Born in New Haven to the late James and Marjorie Hayes Dinneen and raised in Fair Haven, Bill was the beloved father of Timothy (Sarah) Dinneen, Michael Dinneen, and Jaclyn (Anthony) Avitable. He was also the proud grandfather of Elle Dinneen, Peyton Avitable, Jack Dinneen, and Anthony Avitable, Jr. Bill was the brother of the late Margaret (Fred) Tyrol, Gerald Dinneen, and the recently deceased Kathleen (John) Torello, and is survived by his brother James (Sandra) Dinneen and his former wife, Judith Dinneen. Bill attended Wilbur Cross High School, where he ran track and was active in the theater program, starring in his senior-year production and later participating in summer stock and several other productions after graduation. He later worked in sales at Southern New England Telephone (SNET), which became AT&T, where he spent nearly 25 years. Though he did not pursue acting professionally, theatre and music remained an important part of his life, and his creativity, charisma, and sense of humor were hallmarks of his personality. A proud Irishman, he believed the adage that good stories happened to those who could tell them and was known for his wit, storytelling, and fondness for a good prank (of which his children and family were frequent targets.) Bill's colorful stories, jokes, and spirit will live on with all those who knew him. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Joseph Church in New Haven on Monday, December 29 at 10 a.m., followed by a private

gathering for family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Bill's name to the Alzheimer's Association.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Josephs Church

Edwards St

New Haven, Connecticut 06501

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Tribute Wall

JK

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I worked with Bill at the phone company and would often have lunch while we were at Long Wharf. Always a story, always a hearty laugh, always a grin that a Cheshire Cat would want to emulate. Bill was a gentleman and a good soul. He was kind, caring and would often talk about his family, going to the theater and putting out a St. Patrick's Day feast that he always looked forward to making. I'm sitting here thinking of stories and some of his facial expressions that quite honestly just make me laugh. God is taking care of you now my friend. You made the world a better place.

John K - January 01 at 11:45 PM

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“ Bill and I had known each other since we were young boys at Saint Francis. Over the many years since that time, we shared and participated in so many of the experiences that took place in each other's lives. We had many good times together with the large group of friends that we had in common. Bill has always been and will always be remembered by me as a treasured friend. With deepest sympathy, please accept condolences from my wife Alberta and myself.

Marty King - December 28, 2025 at 10:38 PM

JC

“ Good friend and co-worker, Bill will be missed

Joseph Confrey - December 27, 2025 at 01:19 PM

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“ Timothy Dinneen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William M. Dinneen.

Timothy Dinneen - December 26, 2025 at 11:20 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of William M. Dinneen.



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“ The Torello/Brexel Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William M. Dinneen.



The Torello/Brexel Family - December 26, 2025 at 03:19 PM

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Timothy Dinneen - December 26, 2025 at 01:47 PM

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Timothy Dinneen - December 26, 2025 at 01:45 PM