

Michael T. Finn



Michael T. Finn, a native Newporter who was happiest at home, aboard his boat or on the golf course, died peacefully at his home on **Friday, February 11, 2022**, with his family at his side. He was 63 years old.

Michael grew up in the old Fifth Ward, the fifth of eight children **born to Michael “Bill” Finn and Eleanor Sheekey Finn**. A man of few words, Mike kept his head down, minded his own business and preferred to let others have the spotlight. When he had something to say, his dry Irish wit, wry observations and grand stories delighted everyone within earshot.

He attended Newport public schools and **graduated from Rogers High School in 1976**. After serving in the **United States Coast Guard**, he spent **37 years working for various government agencies** throughout Rhode Island, recently **retiring from Naval Station Newport** as an **electrical planner and estimator**.

Mike acknowledged that the smartest thing he ever did was to marry **Colleen Callahan**, an “uptown girl” as he always described her. He was a dedicated family man, engaged in his sons’ activities and interests and happy to share his love and knowledge of Newport Harbor, their Irish heritage, fishing, golfing, and sports. Grateful for life’s simple pleasures, Mike’s idea of a perfect day was a round of golf with Michael in the morning, fishing with Brian in the afternoon and a **sunset cruise with Colleen aboard “FINATIC”** in the evening.

He was a **member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Green Valley Country Club**.

Michael leaves his wife of 37 years, **Colleen Callahan Finn**; his sons, **Brian E. Finn** of Bristol and **Michael David Finn** of Brookline, MA; his siblings, **Ann Finn (Dave Willis)**, **Susan Finn (Kenneth Littman)**, **Peter Finn**, **Daniel Finn (Kristen Kennedy)**, **Mary Finn Cox** and **Kathleen Finn**; and his **mother-in-law, Mary Frances Connell Callahan**. In addition, he leaves his former **sisters-in-law, Kiki Whitford Finn** and **Dorie Vile Finn**; his **Callahan in-laws, Steve Callahan (Mary)**, **Cathy Callahan**, **Cindy DeCosta**, **Beth Silveria (Peter)**, **Christa Robinson (David)** and **Tricia Cranson (Patrick)**, and many, many nieces, nephews, cousins, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was **predeceased by his parents, Eleanor and Bill**; **his brother, Thomas Finn**; his **niece, Molly Finn**; his **father-in-law, Edward J. Callahan**; and his **brother-in-law, Edward Cox**.

At Michael’s direction, there will be no calling hours. A memorial service will be held at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church on Monday February, 21 at 11:00 AM.

Michael will be missed greatly, quoted often and remembered always. Family and friends will celebrate his life at a gathering this summer at Gooseberry Beach, where Mike proposed to Colleen 38 years ago.