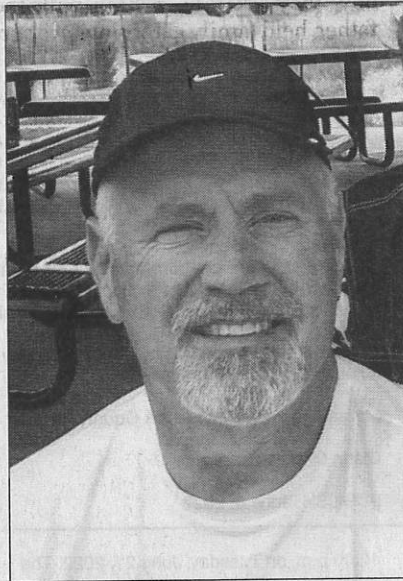


## Chief William A. Cushing, USN (RET.)



William "Bill" A. Cushing, 59, of Colorado Springs, passed away on April 23, 2022 from pancreatic cancer. He died at his home surrounded by his family wrapped tightly in love.

Bill was born September 17, 1962, to William and Patricia Cushing and was raised on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. He was a quiet, loving child and grew into a spirited teenager with a natural athletic ability. Any sport he attempted, he excelled. He graduated from Barnstable High School in 1980.

Bill entered the United States Navy in 1982, where he met the love of his life, Penny, on

the USS Holland AS-32 in 1986. They were the best of friends and worked as a team. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Matthew, Zachary, and Hannah.

Bill lived and loved like a true gentleman. He worked to provide for his family and loved spending time with his wife and children. Family meant everything to him. He taught his children the meaning of being industrious and showed compassion and acceptance for their individual paths. The love he put forth and the love he received will resonate through time forever.

Bill was a humble, kind, giving man that took pleasure in a hard day's work. He was a great handyman and would give his time and energy for anyone in need. His hobbies included running and hiking the Colorado outdoors and he enjoyed woodworking in his garage.

Bill was a proud patriot and a highly regarded Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy. He served on six naval ships, was an instructor at Great Lakes, IL, and eventually retired from the Naval Air Station Oceania, Virginia Beach, VA as the base's Naval Career Counselor. He served during the Persian Gulf War and was part of the fleet recovery of TWA Flight 800. He was awarded numerous medals of honor for his loyalty and commitment while in the service to his country. He retired from the Navy with an MBA from Old Dominion University and began his civilian life in various retail managerial roles.

Bill is survived by his loving wife and best friend Penny (Lehmann) Cushing; his beloved children, Matthew, Zachary, and Hannah (fiancé Jonathan Riddlebarger); his mother Patricia "Pat" Cushing (Diane "Dee" Fairchild); siblings, Kathleen Cushing (Jill Gould), Mary Lehmann (Nick), Robert Cushing, and Joseph Cushing (Amy); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Bill in death was his father, William Cushing (Suzanne).

The service will be live-streamed and available for viewing during and after by the Spring Funeral Services. [www.tsfs.co](http://www.tsfs.co).

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