



## William E. Knowlton

September 1, 1936 - July 9, 2021

William Edward "Bill" "Rainy" Knowlton, passed away peacefully at home, after a long illness, on Friday, July 9, 2021. Born in Springfield on September 1, 1936 and then raised there, he was a son of the late Charles and Lillian (Darrah) Knowlton. In his youth, he excelled athletically. He loved all sports, especially football and baseball, and loved to fish. Bill was a lifelong Teamster who worked incredibly hard all his adult life to provide for his large family. Other pastimes included horse and dog track racing and the occasional scratch ticket. Anyone who knew Bill knows he had an affinity for Schaefer beer. Christmas with his family was a particular favorite time of his, and he truly enjoyed the simpler things in life. Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Patricia (Ashe) Knowlton; his six loving children, Maureen, Kathleen and partner Sue, Eileen Polizzi and husband Salvatore, William and wife Bonnie, Michael, and Patrick and wife Lori. Additionally, he leaves his cherished grandchildren, Sean Tetrault, Kyle and Jacob Knowlton and Liam Knowlton, who lovingly called him Gampy. He is also survived by his sisters, Barbara Bohn, Dorcus Roy, Patricia Desrosiers, Sandra Boutin, Linda Greaney, and his brother Richard. He leaves a multitude of nieces, nephews and cousins. Bill will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. After-life arrangements will be private at the request of his family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his name to The American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. [kozikowskifuneralhome.com](http://kozikowskifuneralhome.com)