



## William Hazard Fry

June 23, 2025

William Hazard Fry, 80, passed away peacefully at home on June 23, 2025. Known lovingly as Bill “Kid Cat”, he was born in Wakefield, Rhode Island, the son of the late Cornelius Groveland and Ella Frances (Hazard) Fry.

An Elder of the Narragansett Indian Tribe, Bill was one of nine siblings and proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps. After being honorably discharged, he graduated from Johnson & Wales College with a Business Degree. He went on to work for Leviton Manufacturing Company first in South County and later in Warwick, RI, where he dedicated 32 years of service before retirement.

A devoted father, Bill, found joy in coaching sports and supporting his two sons, Mathew and Jarret, through various teams and seasons. He also served many years as an Elder at Stony Lane Baptist Church. Most recently, he was a member of Living Hope Christian Church in North Kingstown.

Bill was known for his warmth, kindness, and natural ability to connect with everyone he met. He married his best friend, Mary (Sprague) Fry, during their college years, and together they shared over 55 years of marriage. They built a loving home in North Kingstown, RI, and raised their family.

He is survived by his brother George “Tony” Fry Sr., who resides in Tennessee, as well as his two sons and their spouses: Mathew J. Fry and Rosaine of New Smithville, PA, and Jarret J. Fry and Nancy of Exeter-West Greenwich, RI. He was a proud grandfather to Benjamin, Malinda, Zachary, and Andan — each of whom he adored. In addition, he is survived by many

dear members of his extended family.

Bill was predeceased by his beloved wife, Mary, and by his siblings: Cornelius, Benjamin, Pete, Gene, Shirley, Edith (Fry) Brown, and Paul.

The family will honor Bill's life with a private ceremony. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to Living Hope Christian Church <https://lhcc.info> or a charity of your choice in Bill's memory.