



## William Deignan Dehler

December 10, 1942 - June 2, 2023

William Deignan Dehler, 80

William Deignan Dehler entered the Kingdom of Heaven on June 2, 2023. William was born to the late John and Claire Dehler on December 10, 1942, and grew up in Richmond Hill, NY, as the youngest of five children. He graduated from Brooklyn Prep and St. John's University where he also earned his MBA.

William met his bonnie bride, Kathleen, as a teenager in Breezy Point, NY. They soon married and went on to grow a beautiful family with seven children and fifteen grandchildren. William and Kathleen embraced life together in Brooklyn, NY, Lynbrook, NY, and Westport, CT, only to return full circle to where they fell in love when they retired in Breezy Point.

William loved the Brooklyn Dodgers, sunsets, playing golf, fishing, cooking for family and friends, and most of all coaching his children in baseball and softball. As their #1 fan, he was a fixture on the sidelines of his kids' countless games, meets, and recitals. If not at an organized sporting event, he was organizing family ski trips, sledding sessions, and football games in the yard with hot dogs over the fire pit before fire pits were even a thing. He proudly told everyone that he raised seven children, and that made him the richest man alive.

William's roots run deep in Breezy Point. As a teenager, he collected the 10 cent toll on the Marine Parkway Bridge, and he was a lifeguard who once rescued his future mother in law. Nicknamed "Crazy Legs" on the softball field, he held, for almost 25 years, the long standing Breezy Point softball record for the highest batting average over 600. William also loved being a member of the Catholic Club and was proud of receiving honors as Sir Knight William, Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus.

William was a good man loved by many. He was a thoughtful listener, and he allowed people to make mistakes without judgment. He was the most generous man with what mattered, his heart and time, and he made everyone feel important.

William is survived by his wife of 59 years, Kathleen, and seven grateful children: Nora Stuart (Matt) of Lexington, SC; William Dehler, Jr. (Ingrid) of Fairfield, CT; John Dehler (Brett) of Fairfield, CT; Andrew Dehler (Tracey) of Westport, CT; Kate Stewart (Mark) of Simsbury, CT; Elizabeth Morrall (Mitch) of Davie, FL; and Matthew Dehler of Santa Barbara, CA. William is blessed with fifteen adoring grandchildren: Matthew, Claire, Sarah Kate, Riley, Charlie, Harry, Beau, Jack, Elizabeth, Grace, Mary Kate, Ella, William, Regan, and Annabell. He is survived by his two brothers, John Dehler of Coronado, CA; Martin Dehler of Garden City, NY; his sister, Patricia Igoe of Great Barrington, MA; and many nieces and nephews. William is predeceased by his parents, John and Claire Dehler, and his sister, Claire Ann Kinney.

We offer our profound gratitude to the most compassionate and skilled staff at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx. In his honor, memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Hospital through [www.calvaryhospital.org](http://www.calvaryhospital.org) so that they may continue the incredible mission of palliative care. Contributions will go toward a plaque on the Tree of Life in William's name.

Friends and family are invited to the Celebration of Life on June 15, 2023 at

11:00 a.m. at Saint Thomas More Church, 204-25 Rockaway Point Boulevard, Breezy Point, NY. Reception to follow across the street at The Breezy Point Catholic Club. Willie attire welcomed: pinks, yellows, plaids.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas More Church  
204-25 Rockaway Point Boulevard  
Breezy Point, NY 11697

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of William Deignan Dehler*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - June 14, 2023 at 11:55 AM



“ *William Deignan Dehler*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Deignan Dehler.*



June 14, 2023 at 05:54 PM



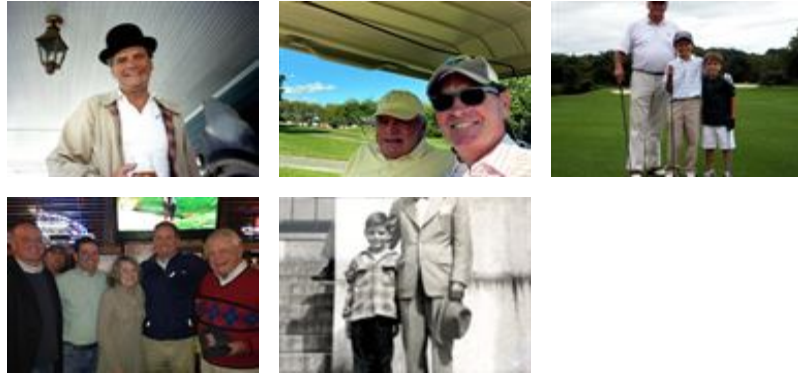
“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Deignan Dehler.*



June 14, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ 500 files added to the album LifeTributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - June 14, 2023 at 11:45 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of William Deignan Dehler.



June 14, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Deignan Dehler.

June 13, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Deignan Dehler.



June 13, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Deignan Dehler.

June 13, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Deignan Dehler.



June 13, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of William Deignan Dehler.



June 13, 2023 at 08:58 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Deignan Dehler.



June 12, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Deignan Dehler.*



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June 12, 2023 at 08:23 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Deignan Dehler.*



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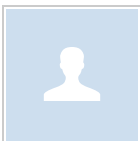
June 12, 2023 at 07:33 AM



“ *Kathleen and Robert Stuart sent a memorial gift of a tree planted in Bill Dehler's memory.  
May he rest in peace and be forever remembered as a loving father by his many children:  
Nora, John, Andy, Deignan, Kate, Matthew, Elizabeth*

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**Kathleen and Robert Stuart** - June 11, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Deignan Dehler.*

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June 11, 2023 at 05:36 PM

PJ

“ Patricia J. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William Deignan Dehler.



Patricia J. - June 10, 2023 at 09:55 AM

DB

“ Danielle B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Deignan Dehler.

Danielle B. - June 07, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Deignan Dehler.



June 06, 2023 at 04:50 PM

DT

“ Dan & Mary Tatro purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Deignan Dehler.



Dan & Mary Tatro - June 05, 2023 at 07:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Deignan Dehler.

June 05, 2023 at 04:33 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of William Deignan Dehler.



June 05, 2023 at 04:33 PM



“ John and Jane purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of William Deignan Dehler.

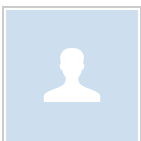


**John and Jane** - June 05, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ Willie wasy classmate and fellow altar boy at Holy Child Jesus School in Richmond Hill and after that, for 4 incredible years with the Jesuits at Brooklyn Preparatory School.  
The memories of those twelve years are magical. We'll meet again!

**Thomas Ignatius Hayes, Jr** - June 04, 2023 at 06:33 PM



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“ *My deepest condolence to you and your family may he rest in peace!! Love always the Lauterbach's*

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**paul lauterbach** - June 04, 2023 at 04:44 PM