



William Steele Dugan

May 14, 1946 - December 28, 2010

Albany-William Steele Dugan, 64, died suddenly Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at Albany Medical Center Hospital surrounded by his loving family. Born in Albany, he was the son of the late William Steele and Ellen Kirwan Dugan.

Mr. Dugan was the co founder and designer of his own design firm, W.S. Dugan, Inc., from 1988 to 2005 with partner Nancy North. He was the executive design assistant to Halston Enterprises in New York City from 1972 to 1984 for the late famous designer Halston. Bill had formerly taught in New York City at the Parsons School of Design.

He graduated from the former Cardinal McCloskey High School and in 1968 from the Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY.

He was the beloved brother of Daniel J. Dugan (Jeanne) of Delmar, Mary Ellen Dugan Deighan (Gerard) of Slingerlands, Cornelius F. Dugan (Mary) of East Greenbush and Elizabeth Dugan Potenza (Anthony) of Albany; devoted friend and former husband of Nancy North; dear uncle of Elaine Dugan Perkins (Sean), Alicia Dugan Lasch (Michael), Caitlin Dugan Deighan, Anthony Dugan Potenza and Ellen Mary Potenza; great uncle of Will Lasch, Christian Lasch, Alexandra Lasch, Jack Perkins, Connor Perkins and Liam Perkins.

A New York City sophisticate, blessed with an Irish wit, he was our dearest friend. He will always be remembered as a dedicated and courageous artist. We loved him so.

Funeral services Thursday, December 30, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call 4:00 to 7:00 pm Thursday in the funeral home.

Those wishing to remember William Steele Dugan in a special way may send a contribution to the National Endowment for the Arts 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 618, Washington, DC 20506

To leave the family a special message on their guest book; obtain a prayer card or directions; or share a photo or E-card with them, please visit www.McVeighFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *William Steele Dugan*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Very sorry to learn of Bill's death. I remember him as the precocious, witty brother of my friend Dan. May he have fulfilled dreams in his practice of design and his work in NYC.##imported-begin##Terrence Erdt##imported-end##*

May 17, 2013 at 11:48 PM



“ *Dear Mary Ellen, Liz, Danny & Neil- So sorry to hear about Billy; also sorry I wasn't able to make it to the wake(car trouble). I wish I could have known Billy as an adult; growing up he was the one who could always get me out of myself whenever I was in a foul mood. I am glad, however, that we have been able to have a few lunches together- it meant alot to me. Love, your cousin Patti##imported-begin##Patti Mckeon##imported-end##*

January 14, 2011 at 03:34 PM



“ *To All the Dugans,*

We just heard about Billy's passing and want to send our condolences. We remember the good times at your house and ours. I have photos of the childhood birthday parties, remember the skits in your den and I thing I have some photos from the 50's. Our parents were John and Helen Andress.

Again our sincere condolences.

Mary Andress Costello and Dick Andress##imported-begin##Mary Andress Costello##imported-end##

January 01, 2011 at 05:56 PM



“ *Neil and the Dugan Family,*

I am very sorry for your loss. If your brother was anything like you Neil, then I know he was a very good man. I hope you have many good memories of times together. Bill##imported-begin##Bill Neumann##imported-end##

January 01, 2011 at 11:07 AM



“ *Mary Ellen and family,*

I'm so sorry to hear of Bill's sudden death and also am sorry that I missed the service and opportunity to support you at this very sad time. I hope memories of Bill will comfort you and make you smile in the years to come. With love, Mary##imported-begin##Mary Altpeter##imported-end##

December 31, 2010 at 07:43 PM



“ Dan,
Roberta and I send our heartfelt condolences for the loss of your brother. I just learned about the passing. Please pass on our sympathies to Neil and the rest of your family.##imported-begin##Chuck Daly##imported-end##

December 31, 2010 at 04:37 PM



“ To The Dugan Family
Very sorry to hear of Bill's passing.
Our heartfelt sympathy to all.
Love and Prayers
Jack & Joan & Family##imported-begin##Jack & Joan Reuss##imported-end##

December 30, 2010 at 09:40 AM



“ Dear Neil (and your family)-
My deepest sympathies on the loss of your brother. Take comfort in good memories and know that your friends are there for you. See you soon.
My thoughts are with you.
Melanie##imported-begin##Melanie Stracuzzi##imported-end##

December 30, 2010 at 09:11 AM



“ Billy, you enriched my life. The best friend anyone could have. A talented, funny gentleman of the highest order. I will always think of you and miss you. Thank you and God speed.
My deepest condolences to his family.##imported-begin##Dennis Christopher##imported-end##

December 30, 2010 at 03:50 AM



“ Dear Mr. Dugan and Family, I so grieve for you in the loss of Bill. He was a passionate soul, full of life - and one who lived life on his terms. He was loved and will be missed. My prayers and thoughts are with you all. What a wonderful gift you had to be by his side when he left this world. Much love, Donna, Mike and Joshua##imported-begin##Donna Galanti##imported-end##

December 29, 2010 at 09:43 PM