



Louis "Woody" F. Paparazzo

February 11, 1949 - December 17, 2023

Louis F. (Woody) Paparazzo died at home in Northampton after a short illness on December 17, 2023. He was 74 years old.

Woody was born in Bloomington, Indiana on February 11, 1949. His father Louis Paparazzo was a student at the University of Indiana and his mother Thelma was a homemaker. Woody and his older brother Ernie moved to Orange County, California with their parents when he was ten years old and he spent his early teen years surfing and listening to the Beach Boys. When he was 15, his family moved to Woodbury, Connecticut where many of the Paparazzo clan already lived.

Woody graduated from Amherst College with a major in Biology and later from Western New England College with a Juris Doctorate. He practiced property law. He lived with his family in Conway for 38 years.

He loved his dogs and always had one by his side. He enjoyed cooking, gardening, growing bonsai, astronomy, physics, playing guitar, all kinds of music, as well as painting with pastels and acrylics.

Woody became a student of the Gurdjieff teaching in the early 1970's and later in that decade began studying Buddhism with Tibetan Lamas that were coming to the west. He was a student of Chogyal Namkhai Norbu, Lopon

Namdhak, and Lama Wangdor among others and continued meditation throughout his life.

He and Barbara moved to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico two different times after they retired and returned to the US in 2021.

Woody was pre-deceased by his phenomenal and beautiful daughter Nina, who died in 1996 at age 22. He was also predeceased by his parents, his brother Ernie, and two nephews, Aaron Skahill and Michael Bryan.

He leaves his wife Barbara of Northampton, four nieces (Hannah Skahill, Sarah Attig, Jennifer Attig, and Gairta Renner) and three nephews (Reuben Skahill, Sam Skahill, and Tilman Renner).