



F. William "Bill" Gray

May 28, 1928 - May 11, 2014

F. William "Bill" Gray, 85, a long time Rushville resident, passed away May 11, 2014 in Indianapolis. He was born May 28, 1928 in Columbus, IN. to Guy A. & Mary F. (Lannum) Gray. Bill was a 1947 Columbus High School graduate. He attended Wabash College and received his Bachelor's in Education in 1952 from Indiana University, joined the US Army & served honorably from 1952-1955 & then received his Master's in Education from Indiana University in 1956. He married Jonquil "Jonnie" A. Kinsey on February 2, 1952 and she preceded him in death on April 24, 1962. He married Linda Fordice on August 1, 1964 and she survives.

Bill was an educator, coach & mentor his entire life. He began teaching & coaching in 1955 in Danville and came to Rushville in 1960. He taught sociology, geography, government, driver's ed and summer physical education classes. While in Danville he coached basketball, football & baseball and in Rushville he coached football, track & both girls & boys golf. He retired in 1994. He was an announcer for many years covering girl's basketball & football. Bill was a member of the First Presbyterian Church since 1960 where he had been both an Elder & Deacon, he was active in both Rushville Rotary Club and the Optimist Club, he was the summer activities director of the Rushville parks for many years, a life member of the Rushville Elk's Lodge #1307 & the Rushville American Legion Post #150 and he was an IHSAA Official for football, basketball & track and began the Officials Club at Rushville High School in order to mentor to young people interested in

officiating. Bill was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing cards and spending time with family and friends. He enjoyed many years of wintering in Las Vegas with Linda.

Bill is survived by his wife, Linda, of Rushville, sons, Steve "Buck" Gray of Logansport, Mike & wife Susan Gray of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, daughters, Karyn & husband Robby Winkler of Fishers, IN, Cathy Gosser of Rushville, grandchildren, Aaron Coon, George Thomas & wife Lindsay Thompson, Gary Thompson, Satchel, Kinsey, Courtney & Bradley Gray and great grandchildren, Nova, Amelia, Adeylyn & Abel. Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Jonnie, his parents, a daughter-in-law, Karrie Ellen Miller Gray, 5 sisters, 2 brothers & great granddaughter, Tobi Lynn Coon.

Services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Rushville at 11 AM Thursday, May 15, 2014. Friends are welcome to visit at Moster Mortuary on Wednesday, May 14 from 2-8PM. Rev. Dena Vittorio will preside. The Rush County Veteran's Honor Guard will provide military rites. Cremation will follow services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rush Memorial Hospital Oncology Department or Brian's Cause thru the Rush County Community Foundation or the Rushville Public Library.

Tribute Wall



“ *F. William "Bill" Gray*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Judy Fields Ellis lit a candle in memory of F. William "Bill" Gray*



Judy Fields Ellis - November 18, 2014 at 05:32 PM



“ *Great teacher, coach, mentor, and friend. I was one of his first students at Danville High School. Was a privilege to know him. Thoughts and prayers to the Gray family and friends. RIP coach Bill Gray. Gary 'Snook' Hoffman, Tallahassee, Fl.*

Gary Hoffman - May 15, 2014 at 04:13 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you. Sorry for your loss. Buck I remember when Reid and I came to see you after Thanksgiving you were talking about your dad being at the fitness center and working out for like an hour. He was a great guy.*

Mark Lushell

Mark Lushell - May 15, 2014 at 02:11 PM

DH

“ To Linda and family,
We just learned of Bill's passing. So sorry we didn't know earlier or we would have come to the funeral to pay our respects. Please know you are in our prayers and offer you our deepest sympathy for your loss. May God provide you the peace that passes all understanding through your faith in HIM during this difficult time.
Dick & Darlene Henderson

Dick Henderson - May 15, 2014 at 01:19 PM

WM

“ Bill Grey has a special place in my heart. He was my coach and teacher. He played a very important part in my growing up years during high school. Bill you are a great human and friend. Dean McCane

w. Dean McCane - May 15, 2014 at 09:20 AM

PC

“ Very sorry to learn of Bill's passing. He was a fine coach and teacher.
My love to Linda and family.

Patricia Coons - May 14, 2014 at 10:13 PM

TS

“ Great memories of Bill and Dad referring! Always Bull Gray!!!
Thoughts and prayers!!!!

Tom Stumpf

Tom Stumpf - May 14, 2014 at 06:04 PM

AS

“ Buck--
I am so sorry to read about your father's passing. I had him in World Geography and Driver's Training. Oh boy!! I am sure he told you about the day I got the brake and the accelator mixed up. Anyways, I remember you from working at the Pharmacy and I wanted to express my sympathy to you and your family. God Bless You. :)



Ann Spaeth-Robben - May 14, 2014 at 08:37 AM

NT

“ So sorry to hear about your father. He was a good man. Nancy Copple Tucker



N Tucker - May 13, 2014 at 08:33 PM

TF

“ Gray Family, we are holding you in our thoughts and prayers. Bill was a good man.

The Lushell Family - May 13, 2014 at 05:15 PM

TF

The Lushell Family

The Lushell Family - May 13, 2014 at 05:16 PM

CD

“ Dear Gray Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God comfort you with wonderful memories and the blessed hope of seeing your loved one again in heaven one day.

With love and prayers,

*Clarece Depkin
Executive Assistant
Indian Creek Country Club*

Clarece Depkin - May 13, 2014 at 10:56 AM

KG

“ *I'll miss Bill. He always called me "Carmelita," for whatever reason. At the gym, we had a friendly rivalry, trying to be the first to get to the TVs. He wanted sports; I wanted Ellen. He influenced our kids through golf (and driver's training, I believe). Bill and I are both thinking about all of you in his family. Karmen Gulde*

Karmen Gulde - May 12, 2014 at 09:32 PM

LL

“ *I was saddened by Bill's passing. He was such a good man and a mentor to my brother Chris, who thought so much of him from school and the golf course. He left a great legacy and will be missed in this town. ~ Lori Land*




lori land - May 12, 2014 at 06:51 PM

PM

“ Linda,
I'm so sorry to hear of Bill's death. I'm glad to have seen both of you at Sue Ann's Memorial - you both looked great! My heart goes out to you and the family & will remember you all in my prayers.

Patty Coffman Moore

Pat Moore - May 12, 2014 at 04:33 PM


Douglas
Lower

“ *My condolences to Steve, Mike, Karen, and Robbie and I extend comfort to you for your loss. Coach Gray was my football and track coach for 3 years in the sixties. I remember the brutal 2 a day football practices in August; no water and full pads. Later Bill was a greeted old friend when visiting Rushville for some golf outings. Always ready with a clever quip or worse to liven up the party. I remember the golden years 1962-69 when I was caddie for the coaches, doctors, and bankers at the club and got to hear all the stories and history of our town at the coaches gatherings. He was a good competitor and teacher.*



The Lower's send best wishes to the whole Gray family .

Doug, Lynette, Teleia , Michelle and in afterlife, Merrilyn Lower

Douglas Lower - May 12, 2014 at 11:52 AM

AS

“ *Ann Southerland lit a candle in memory of F. William "Bill" Gray*



Ann Southerland - May 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM

DD

“ *Nova my sweet little grand-daughter I am so sorry to hear about your grandpa. I know how much you love him and I know you will miss him very much. Just remember my little Sunshine that he is in Heaven now and you will see him again some day. Nana is thinking of you and love you very much!*

Cathy & Gary, I am so sorry for your loss as well and if you need anything just let me know. Thinking of both of you in your time of loss as well.

*Thinking of all of you,
Donetta Dowell*

Donetta Dowell - May 12, 2014 at 09:42 AM



“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Greg Raike - May 12, 2014 at 08:35 AM

SA

“ My condolences to the family. I have many cherished memories!
Sally Sizemore Adams.

Sally Adams - May 12, 2014 at 07:24 AM

SS

“ Steve And Mardeana Suttle lit a candle in
memory of F. William "Bill" Gray



Steve and Mardeana Suttle - May 11, 2014 at 06:57 PM

LF

Such a gentleman and wonderful teacher. Those of us who were lucky enough to have had him influence us were blessed. especially those of us who grew up in the 60's - he made the learning very interesting indeed, My prayers for comfort go out ot his family - he was a fine example of what teaching should be. May all your wonderful memories sustain you

Lora Norris & Family - May 12, 2014 at 08:53 AM