



## William Ray Goins

December 15, 1952 - January 11, 2020

Bill was born in Rushville, Indiana on December 15, 1952. He was a resident of Rushville, Indiana all of his life. He was the son of Louella F. (Bradley) and the late Joseph O. Goins.

A 1971 graduate of Rushville Consolidated High School, he served in the United States Army and received an honorable discharge in 1974. He also graduated from Connersville Area Vocational School where he attended from 1976 to 1980. He was on the Advisory board of Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center Board of Directors as well as the Chairperson of the Wernle Development Committee. He was a member of the Indiana landmarks, Rush County Heritage, American Legion Post 150, Knights of Columbus, Elks Lodge and was President of the Rush County Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors and the Open Book Literacy Board of Directors. He was appointed to the Ivy Tech Board by Governor Evan Bayh from 1995 – 2004. He was also a member of the Rush County Association for Retarded Citizens and member for the National Association for Retarded Citizens. He was a member of the Rush County Foundation Advisory Board and City of Rushville Board of Works.

Bill was employed for 30 plus years at Visteon Automotive as a plumber/pipefitter and was very active with his union (IUE-CWA 919) where he held many offices. He was a member and trustee of CWA-IUE Union and vice president of CWA-IUW 919. He was also a delegate of the national convention, several district conventions, workshops and seminars. After the

announcement that Visteon would be shutting its doors, Bill traveled to Washington, DC and lobbied successfully for federal funding to help his fellow employees obtain training and further their education through the Trade Act Program (TAA).

Bill was elected to City Council in Rushville from 1992 to 2003 serving as President for eight years and under five mayors. He was reappointed in 2008 and served as Council President. He also campaigned for Mayor in the 2012 election. One project Bill was extremely proud to have been a part of was the renovation of the Booker T. Washington School which he was instrumental in spearheading. The school is now a community center which serves Rush County in many capacities.

He was a charter member and President of the Fayette-Henry-Rush NAACP for more than 30 years and was also the First Vice President of the Indiana NAACP State Conference. He received numerous awards including the City of Rushville's Community Leader award, the City of Rushville's Man of the Year award, NAACP State President's award, NAACP State Loren Henry award and an honorary degree of Associate of Science in college community service from Ivy Tech Community College.

Frederic Douglas once said, "Man's greatness consists in his ability to do, and the proper application of his powers to do things needed to be done. This statement best describes the caring and compassion Bill has for his fellow men and women and the passion to make a change.

He was preceded in death by his father Joseph O. Goins and his brother, David V. Goins.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his mother, Louella F. (Bradley)Goins of Rushville; three sons, Derrick (Kristie) Goins, Westfield, and Trevor (Kristy) Goins, Dallas, TX; their mother, Joan Hayes, Connersville and John (Michele) Egielske, Rushville. Two granddaughters, Kierstan Goins, Indianapolis, and Kira Goins, Westfield; Six brothers, Larry Goins, Jeffersonville; Terry (Lorna) Goins, Anderson; Ricky (Kim) Goins, Cincinnati, OH; Dennis (Desiree) Goins, Indianapolis; Kris (SoVonna) Goins, Atlantic Highlands, NJ; two sisters, JoElla

Hawkins, Marion, and Doris McDougal, Indianapolis; a very special friend, Becky Gibson, Connersville, and a host of very special nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 2 PM in Rushville Consolidated High School Gymnasium, 1201 Lions Path, Rushville, IN 46173. Friends are welcome to visit the family from 11 AM until the time of service in the gymnasium. Burial will be held on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 12:30 PM in Rushville East Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made out to Ivy Tech Richmond Foundation to the Bill Goins Minority Student Scholarship Fund, 2357 Chester Blvd, Richmond, IN 47374.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 19. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Rushville Consolidated High School Gymnasium

## Service

JAN 19. 2:00 PM.

Rushville Consolidated High School Gymnasium

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Ray Goins*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *To the Goins family, so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Please accept my belated condolences and know that I am praying for you.*

**Cynthia L. Gibson** - January 23, 2020 at 03:29 PM



“ *Goins Family, please know that you are in my thought and prayers. Rest In Peace, Billy Ray.*

*Lisa (Frazier) Thomas*

**Lisa Thomas** - January 19, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ *To the Goins Family, you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We pray that you will find peace in knowing that Billy Ray was loved by many, and his legacy will live on, because of the many lives that he touched. It is difficult to loose a family member that shared so much of himself with so many family and friends. The Price, Pierce, and Goins families would like to extend our deepest sympathy to each of you in this time of sorrow.*

**Joreen Goins** - January 18, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of William Ray Goins.*



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January 17, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ *Many memories ❤️ Goins family was my second family for a long time many years ago. I saw Bill this summer and he said go see his momma. She would love to see you. I didn't go 😞 He was one of a kind. I saw his caring heart and I also saw his tough heart. If he was hard on you it was only because he cared. bill, you will be missed. Fly high....*



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**Jennifer Bush** - January 17, 2020 at 10:44 AM



“ *The Winton Woods Counseling & Administrative Team purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William Ray Goins.*



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**The Winton Woods Counseling & Administrative Team** -  
January 16, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ *Alicia Hawkins lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins*



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**Alicia Hawkins** - January 16, 2020 at 11:37 AM

CB

“ *Cousin In Detroit / George Bradley lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins*



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**Cousin in Detroit / George Bradley** - January 16, 2020 at 11:05 AM

FM

“ *Frank Morton lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins*



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**Frank Morton** - January 16, 2020 at 02:57 AM

DW

“ *I have quite a few good memories of Billy Ray, but perhaps my favorite one was in June 2013 right before my brother, Mike Lushell, died. Mike and his wife, Chris, were living in Frankfort at that time and Billy Ray came up to spend a Saturday with Mike, knowing that would be the last time he saw him. If my memory serves me correctly, he brought a pizza from Pizza King to Mike that day. I can still see Billy Ray gently holding on to Mike and walking him to the bathroom, then later he was in the bedroom helping Louise Krick put fresh sheets on Mike's bed. Always loving people and doing what he could to make life better for them. You will be missed, Billy Ray. RIP. Debi Lushell Ware*

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**Debi Ware** - January 15, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ *Teresa Bacon-Campbell lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins*



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**Teresa Bacon-Campbell** - January 15, 2020 at 06:10 PM



*I will miss our talks and laughs.*

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**Teresa Bacon-Campbell** - January 15, 2020 at 06:10 PM

DM

“ *Dianna And Mike lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins*



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**Dianna and Mike** - January 15, 2020 at 05:58 PM

BK

“ *Many memories about Billy Ray growing up as a kid in Rushville. The Goins/Lacy families shared a real connection. RIP, prayers to all the Goins Family*



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**Bill Krammes** - January 15, 2020 at 03:05 PM

JL

“ *Jeanette Lakes lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins*



**Jeanette Lakes** - January 15, 2020 at 11:42 AM

RB

“ *SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS TO OUR FAMILY*



**ROCHELLE BRADLEY** - January 15, 2020 at 09:24 AM

JB

“ *Jacquelin Begley sent a virtual gift in memory of William Ray Goins*



**Jacquelin Begley** - January 15, 2020 at 12:15 AM

CW

“ *Candi Whittaker lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins*



**Candi Whittaker** - January 14, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ *Kosher Tower of Treats was purchased for the family of William Ray Goins.*



January 14, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William Ray Goins.*



January 14, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ *So many memories I have of you Billy Ray! Thanks for all your hard work. The community will never forget you!*

**Shawnia Graham** - January 14, 2020 at 01:29 PM



*Rest in Peace Billy Ray. I'm so glad we had many conversations in the last few years. You have left a legacy that raised the bar. I am proud to have had you as a friend and a fellow Veteran. Butch*

**Butch Bundrant** - January 15, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ *Worked with Billy Ray at Ford sorry to learn of his passing,he was one of the good guys.*

**William Alcorn** - January 14, 2020 at 11:31 AM

LE

“ *Leesa lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins*



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**Leesa** - January 14, 2020 at 08:53 AM

MO

“ *Mary Orr lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins*



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**Mary Orr** - January 13, 2020 at 10:31 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Ray Goins.*



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January 13, 2020 at 09:22 PM

CS

“ *Rest In Heaven Billy Ray*



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**Cynthia Stevens** - January 13, 2020 at 08:52 PM

JS

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



James Steck - January 13, 2020 at 06:35 PM

DM

*He dearly loved you and your wife!! Don't know how we are going to make it without him  
His sister Doris*

Doris McDougal - January 17, 2020 at 02:55 AM

MD

“ *May you Rest In Peace Billy Ray. I'll try to keep Troy in-line for you. You will be missed.*



Mary Dickson - January 13, 2020 at 05:58 PM

GR

“ *RIP Billy Ray...*



Greg Raike - January 13, 2020 at 04:52 PM

DD

*Two great leaders gone too soon! Both my brothers.  
Daulphine (Cox) Day*

**Daulphine Day** - January 13, 2020 at 07:04 PM

AC

*Greamt picture of 2 great men both my sons  
One by birth the othmer one by anothe.r mothemr but always bren a art  
of my life*

**Alberta cox** - January 13, 2020 at 07:23 PM

AC

*Love this picture*

**Alberta cox** - January 13, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of  
William Ray Goins.*



January 13, 2020 at 01:09 PM

LS

“ *So many tributes to Billy Ray is not surprising.  
He touched so many people. I got to know Bill  
really well on our travels for Ford/Visteon. He  
was always fun and encouraging to everyone.  
He would also let you know when you were  
wrong. I've always had the highest respect for  
Bill. I'm thankful we spent some time with him and his family last  
year on our trip back to Rushville. He will be missed by so many.  
Our condolences go out to his family and friends. Rest In Peace  
Billy Ray.*



**Lorella and James Sparks** - January 13, 2020 at 12:40 PM

JL

“ *Bill was one of the first people to donate for my son's high school trip to China. He was a great, kind, and generous gentleman that I met at Ivy Tech. He will be missed.*

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**Janet Love** - January 13, 2020 at 11:58 AM

DM

*Thanks so much for these kind words. Don't know how I'm going to make it without him. He was more than a brother to me....love ya...Doris*

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**Doris McDougal** - January 17, 2020 at 02:58 AM

SS

“ *Billy Ray, rest easy my friend prayers for all the family my friends* ❤️ 🙏🙏🙏



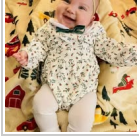
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**Scott & Ann Southerland** - January 13, 2020 at 11:26 AM

DR

“ *DONALD ROLFE lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins*



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**DONALD ROLFE** - January 13, 2020 at 09:33 AM



“ *Billy Ray Goins, what a guy. He was a personal friend of ours. It was a pleasure to know him. Always smiling and hugging. He is most definitely going to be missed. RIP MY FRIEND. PRAYERS for all of the Goins family. Love you all. Mike and Nancy Grocox*

Nancy Grocox - January 13, 2020 at 09:19 AM



“ *Cindy Hicks lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins*



Cindy Hicks - January 13, 2020 at 02:51 AM

Elijah Go

“ *Uncle Bill has always been there for us to support my sisters and I at all our events, give us hugs when we needed it the most, encourage us to be the best we could be and give us fun Goins stories to remind us how special our Goins name is. He always made sure to tell my sisters and I stories of my Grandpa David. Uncle Bill will forever be in our hearts 💕💕*



Elijah Go - January 12, 2020 at 11:32 PM

PM

*Billy Ray was a remarkable person and his activism for the betterment of his community and state was an inspiration to all Hoosiers. May God Bless. Phil Mullins, Madison*

Phil Mullins - January 13, 2020 at 09:30 AM

RB

“ Roderick E. Bohannon lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins



Roderick E. Bohannon - January 12, 2020 at 10:08 PM

AC

“ Alberta W Cox lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins



Alberta w cox - January 12, 2020 at 09:24 PM

AC

One who icall my so he meant so much towill miss him. Test in peace son my love to you

Alberta w cox - January 12, 2020 at 09:27 PM



A man who cared a lot for others. You will be greatly missed. Curtis and Mary Dalton

Mary Dalton - January 12, 2020 at 11:10 PM

SF

“ Shellee Farris lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins



Shellee Farris - January 12, 2020 at 08:41 PM



“ I really enjoyed knowing him. Smart, funny and always kind to me.

Linda Matthews Ross - January 12, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ I played co-ed softball with Billy Ray back in the 80s. He was so kind, and so funny, and so protective of us girls on the team. We all loved him so much, especially his laugh. Rest in peace Billy Ray ❤️

Robyn Greiwe (Huff) - January 12, 2020 at 07:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Ray Goins.



January 12, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ Billy Ray was, a good man worked at Ford with him. Always upbeat with, a smile just a nice all around man Rip my friend.

Keith Hunsinger - January 12, 2020 at 07:32 PM

AF

“ *To The Entire Goins Family:  
Our sincerest sympathy and prayers during this sad difficult time.  
We are indeed blessed to have known such a wonderful,  
committed, dedicated dear friend as Bill for many, many years and  
the beautiful Goins family. We shall never forget you, now rest with  
the Good Lord Above.*  
*Ronald and Antia Fields*  
*Jeffersonville, IN*

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**Antia Fields** - January 12, 2020 at 07:30 PM

DM

*Antia and Ron -you are the best !! Love both of you, Doris*

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**Doris McDougal** - January 17, 2020 at 03:01 AM

MP

“ *Billy Ray's loved ones, our prayers go out to  
you in your time of sorrow. Billy Ray will  
always have a spot in our hearts.*  
*- Jim and Mimi Pruett*



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**Mary Pruett** - January 12, 2020 at 07:29 PM

LD

“ *RIP my brother, my childhood friend. God has you how. No worries  
no pain. We will all see you again. I wish peace and comfort for the  
family. Your son/ brother was loved.*

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**Lawrence E Davis** - January 12, 2020 at 07:06 PM

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*Billy Ray has been one of my best friends my whole life. I have always  
loved him and will miss him so much. Condolences to the family.*

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**Stephanie McIntire (Hall)** - January 13, 2020 at 06:07 AM

KB

“ Great guy will be missed

Karen and Dana Brown - January 12, 2020 at 06:52 PM

JL

“ Jr And LaDonna Lynch lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins



Jr and LaDonna Lynch - January 12, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ Rest in paradise my friend, heaven has gained yet another angel. May God continue to bless the Goins family today, tomorrow, and always. You're forever in my prayers.

Terre (Jones) Kukawski

Terre Kukawski - January 12, 2020 at 06:02 PM



DN

“ David And Monica Newman lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins



David and Monica Newman - January 12, 2020 at 05:59 PM

TE

“ *RIP Billy Ray! GOD has another ANGEL!! PRAYERS go out to all the Family. Wonderful man left us Way to soon. Thinking of you Rick and Dennis as a Knew you guys the most from School! I remember Billy Ray coming to my house for Donations for the New Boys&Girls club years ago.*

**Terry Eckart** - January 12, 2020 at 05:56 PM

JB

“ *Sorry for your loss. Thinking of you.*



**john beischel** - January 12, 2020 at 05:43 PM

BC

*RIP... Billy Ray was a good man always treated me wellhe will be missed our prayers & thoughts arego out to the Goins family. This is truely a great lose to put whole Community he touched so many lives*

**Bobbi Crain** - January 12, 2020 at 07:53 PM

JB

“ *Janet (Safewright) Bolan lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins*



**Janet (Safewright) Bolan** - January 12, 2020 at 05:23 PM

CF

“ I met Billy Ray, when I entered the Apprenticeship program at Ford. Bill was always there for us if we needed him. If you screwed up, he was the first to tell you. If you had success, he was the first to say congratulations “Dumby”. The morning I completed my apprenticeship, we were sitting at a picnic table in a maintenance crib. He grabbed me around the neck, wrestled me to the floor and Thumped on me for a minute. He was proud of all of us.

Chris Friend - January 12, 2020 at 05:00 PM

DC

“ Dot And Dave Clevenger lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins



Dot and Dave Clevenger - January 12, 2020 at 04:58 PM

DC

Sorry for your loss... your family has been blessed to have Billy Ray in your family. Prayers to all.

Dottie Clevenger - January 12, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William Ray Goins.



January 12, 2020 at 04:43 PM

DA

“ *Daisy&Lawrence Armstrong lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins*



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**Daisy&Lawrence Armstrong** - January 12, 2020 at 04:07 PM

AB

“ *Annie Browder lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins*



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**Annie Browder** - January 12, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Ray Goins.*



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January 12, 2020 at 03:03 PM

JD

“ *Jacqueline Duke lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins*



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**jacqueline Duke** - January 12, 2020 at 02:59 PM

KR

“ *Kim Randolph lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins*



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**Kim Randolph** - January 12, 2020 at 02:14 PM

SN

“ *Sending Love and Prayers*



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**Shanah Nichols** - January 12, 2020 at 01:26 PM

JS

“ *Very sweet man. Will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.*



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**Jill Sorrell** - January 12, 2020 at 01:21 PM

RM

“ *VERY,VERY,SORRY GOING TO MISS YOU BILLY*



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**RICK MCFARLAND** - January 12, 2020 at 01:19 PM

SB

“ *Sandy Breese lit a candle in memory of William Ray Goins*



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**Sandy Breese** - January 12, 2020 at 01:13 PM

DN

“ *I met my wonderful good friend in the 7th grade coming from Raleigh to Rushville he locked beside me and told me I know this building well I will be your friend and not let you get lost. One of my favorite people and friends I've had all these years . I'm praying for you ole buddy and your wonderful family. RIP ole buddy I'll never forget you !!!!*

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**Dean Newkirk** - January 12, 2020 at 01:03 PM

EM

“ *When my husband died, Billy Ray told my son he would always be there for me. I always knew that he was. I will miss his big smile, the big hugs and just knowing he was part of my life. He was a good, kind man. My heart aches for all of you.*

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**Evelyn Miller** - January 12, 2020 at 12:52 PM