



## William K. Houk

October 1, 1940 - September 9, 2012

William K. Houk, 71, of Rushville, passed away Sunday, September 9, 2012, in Rushville after a long illness.

Bill was born October 1, 1940 in Gary, Indiana, the son of Louise (Lukach) and Kenneth Houk. He was a 1958 graduate of Crown Point High School, a 1962 graduate of Manchester College and earned a master's degree from Indiana University. He married Ruth Reyling on January 11, 1966 and she survives. They had resided in Rushville since 1968. Bill was a long-time teacher at Rushville Consolidated High School and coached football, basketball and baseball for many years. He was an avid golfer, member of the local Elks Lodge #1307 and spent many years cheering for his beloved Chicago Cubs and Bears.

In addition to his wife, Ruth Reyling Houk, of Rushville, he is survived by a son, Rodney K. Houk of Atlanta, a daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Tim Porter of Atlanta, a sister, Linda Houk Butts of Surprise, AZ and grandchildren, Sam, Teddy, Anna and Rose Porter, all of Atlanta.

Services will be held at 11:00 AM Friday, September 14, at Moster Mortuary in Rushville where friends are welcome to visit from 4 until 8 PM Thursday.

There will be an Elk's Memorial Service on Thursday evening at 7 PM. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery and Rev. Jeremy Greis will preside.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rush County Community Foundation.



# Tribute Wall



“ *William K. Houk*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Lisa Brown lit a candle in memory of William K. Houk*



**Lisa Brown** - September 13, 2012 at 09:03 PM



“ *Ruth, to you, your children, to Bill's sister Linda, and to your extended family, our sincerest sympathies. Bill was a memorable Crown Point High School Class of 1958 classmate. He was a gang member back then . . . when the gangs were full of fun and happy times. He was a friend to all. He was raised in a great family. I was proud to be in a gang that included Bill.*

*A lot of memories of those long ago high school days include Bill. He will be missed.*

*John and Rhonda Wendt*

**John L. Wendt, Jr.** - September 12, 2012 at 10:00 PM

KM

“ Kelly & Susie McClure lit a candle in memory of William K. Houk



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**Kelly & Susie McClure** - September 12, 2012 at 02:42 PM

KM

*Bill will be greatly missed by all who knew him...May God bless you and your family during this time and always. Willow Street will never be the same without our neighbor Bill.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Kelly and Susie McClure*

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**Kelly and Susie McClure** - September 12, 2012 at 03:35 PM

RS

“ Rodney Sweet lit a candle in memory of William K. Houk



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**Rodney Sweet** - September 12, 2012 at 07:02 AM

KK

“ Ruth, Mel and Rod,  
We are deeply sorry for your loss. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God watch over you during this difficult time.

Love-  
Andy and Kelly Kardian

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**Kelly V. Kardian** - September 11, 2012 at 08:04 PM

PA

“ *Paul Alexander lit a candle in memory of William K. Houk*



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**Paul Alexander** - September 11, 2012 at 07:00 PM

CL

“ *Dear Ruth, Please accept our sympathy for your great loss. Our prayers are with you and your family.*  
*Carol & Terry Lottes*

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**Carol Summers Lottes** - September 11, 2012 at 06:43 PM

DR

“ *Dr. T. J. Rayford lit a candle in memory of William K. Houk*



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**Dr. T. J. Rayford** - September 11, 2012 at 06:13 PM

DR

*A wonderful teacher with a great sense of humor.*

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**Dr. T.J. Rayford** - September 11, 2012 at 06:16 PM

DF

“ *Our condolences and prayers extend to the Houk family*

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**David MacDonald and Family** - September 11, 2012 at 03:08 PM

AM

“ Ruth, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I did not know him, but knowing you he was a very lucky man. You are in my prayers.

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**Ann McGlothlin** - September 11, 2012 at 01:02 PM

MK

“ Sorry to hear about my old coaching buddy. As a relatively young teacher/coach during my days at RCHS, Bill was a friend, mentor, and confidante. The lessons learned at some of the aftergame get togethers will be remembered fondly forever.

*Thoughts and prayers to Ruthie, the kids, and the rest of the family. May our loving God provide the peace and comfort you need.*

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**Mark Kidwell** - September 11, 2012 at 12:33 PM

DH

“ A heartfelt "good-bye" to a good school friend at CPHS...Usually Bill had the locker right next to mine and Don Hall's (another CPHS friend that has passed away)...He was a good guy, and I will always remember him...My sympathy to his family...

*Dennis Herslhman*

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**Dennis Hershman** - September 11, 2012 at 11:51 AM

KH

“ I'll always remember Bill, "Houkie" from our school days at CPHS. He was a dear friend and lotsa fun! I'll never forget him.

*My sympathy to his wife Ruthie and Family.*

*Kay Huseman*

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**Kay Huseman** - September 11, 2012 at 10:38 AM

DG

“ *Ruthie, My thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the Reyling/Houk family. God Bless! Beth Gentry*

Dennis and Beth Gentry - September 11, 2012 at 10:13 AM

CE

“ *My thoughts, prayers, and condolences are with the Houk family in the passing of our classmate, Bill. He will be remembered and sadly missed by all of us.*

*Carolyn (Uhrhammer) Elam*

Carolyn (Uhrhammer) Elam - September 11, 2012 at 08:26 AM

CF

“ *Curtis Franz lit a candle in memory of William K. Houk*



Curtis Franz - September 11, 2012 at 08:08 AM

LC

“ *To my old Crown Point High School buddy and the Mayor of Williw St., you were the best friend one could ever have for these many years. We are going to miss you and our thoughts and prayers are with Ruthie and family.*

*Larry and Carolyn Craig*

Larry Craig - September 10, 2012 at 10:53 PM

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“ Cynthia Ray Myers Class Of 1975 lit a candle  
in memory of William K. Houk



Cynthia Ray Myers Class of 1975 - September 10, 2012 at 10:50 PM

DK

“ Donna Keeler lit a candle in memory of  
William K. Houk



Donna Keeler - September 10, 2012 at 09:13 PM

DK

To my favorite "outlaw". God speed on your journey to the great Soldier  
Field in Heaven. Go Bears!!!!  
my love,  
"Chicago"

Donna Keeler - September 10, 2012 at 09:17 PM

JH

“ I am sorry to hear about Bill's passing. I remember chatting with him  
at our 40th high school class reunion at the court house in Crown  
Point. Jill (Dieman) Hartwell

Jill Hartwell - September 10, 2012 at 09:01 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of William K. Houk.*



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September 10, 2012 at 08:26 PM



“ *Scott Medd lit a candle in memory of William K. Houk*



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**Scott Medd** - September 10, 2012 at 08:11 PM



“ *Jan Garrison lit a candle in memory of William K. Houk*



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**Jan Garrison** - September 10, 2012 at 04:48 PM



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**Greg Raika** - September 10, 2012 at 01:32 PM

NG

*Thanks for sharing the pics, Greg. He was one of my favorite teachers. RIP Mr. Houk. . .*

**Nancy Waits Garcia** - September 10, 2012 at 08:46 PM

AR

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Houkie's Family! Great great Man!!!! I will cherish every memory!*



**Annie Dickson Ratliff** - September 10, 2012 at 12:09 PM

DM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Ruth and your family. Bill will be missed, but Gary and I have great memories of Bill at the course.*



**Debbie Manes** - September 10, 2012 at 11:08 AM

SS

“ *Scott Southerland lit a candle in memory of William K. Houk*



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**scott southerland** - September 10, 2012 at 06:14 AM