



William Carl "Bill" Geisdorf, III

April 22, 2019

William Carl "Bill" Geisdorf III, 69, of Sarasota, FL., formerly of Philadelphia, PA, Ocean City, NJ, and Boston, MA died April 22, 2019.

Bill is survived by his wife, Donna, 2 daughters, Rachel and Emma, son, William C. IV (Jill), 2 sisters, Phyllis and Mary Ann Lutz, and his grandson, William C. "Quinn" Geisdorf V.

He received his BS in Social Studies Ed. From Drexel University and his MS in Educational Leadership from USF.

He was a well-respected teacher and coach at Cardinal Mooney HS and Riverview HS.

A celebration of life will be held Sunday, June 23, 2019, at 4:00pm, at the Sarasota Farm Bureau, 7289 Palmer Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34240.

In lieu of flower's donation's may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 69601 or Special Olympics, Attn: Web Gifts, 1133 19th St. N.W., 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20036-3604.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **23**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Sarasota Farm Bureau
7289 Palmer Blvd
Sarasota, FL 34240

Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of William Carl "Bill" Geisdorf, III.*



April 26, 2019 at 07:27 PM

JM

“ *I had the unenviable task of taking over Bill's classes second semester of my first year of teaching. (He was elevated to a temporary administration position). His students honored, respected and above all - loved - Bill. It was the toughest teaching assignment I've ever had. No matter what I did, I was not Mr. Geisdorf! But, Bill was always there for me that year (and every year that followed). I took his advice that school year and things improved. I continued to take his advice about classroom management, teaching strategies, managing being a teacher and a coach, and his constant of focusing on critical thinking. I would not have remained in education if it were not for his guidance and support. I ate lunch with him every day for many years. These lunches were filled with laughter. He entertained with his quick wit and great stories. Riverview has not been the same since his retirement.*

My condolences to Donna, Will, Emma and Rachel. I know you have so many fond memories of Geis and those will stay with you forever.

*Respectfully,
Jason Means*

Jason Means - April 26, 2019 at 02:17 PM

PA

“ *Donna,
May God give you strength and peace as you pass through these difficult days.
Thinking of you and the good times we had many years ago at MMS.
In prayer,
Pat Byers*

Pat - April 26, 2019 at 10:48 AM

JH

“ Bill was a kind soul. I remember being a fairly young teacher, only 10 years experience, when I started teaching at Riverview high school. Not many welcoming people back then- but Bill was always sharing stories with me on our break- running copies. We would just talk about everything from the aesthetics of contemporary architecture to fly fishing. He was a warm light in a cold place. I will cherish my conversations with him forever and will always be kind to the new teachers on the block ❤️

Jackie Henson-Dacey - April 25, 2019 at 07:22 PM

CO

“ Bill Geisdorf and I met in 1978 while teaching and coaching at Cardinal Mooney, and we remained close friends ever since. He was the favorite teacher of MANY students at both Mooney and Riverview (including my son Luke), an outstanding football and baseball coach, and a loving a faithful husband, father and friend. Geis and I traveled to Taiwan together coaching a baseball team on a goodwill tour, we attended many FSU games in both in Tallahassee and the Orange Bowl, and we shared countless laughs and good times over the past 41 years. Geis was one of my best buddies, and I've never known a more fun, smart, cool, better man. I'll miss him forever, and I am proud to have been one of his many friends.
Con Nicholas

Con - April 25, 2019 at 04:30 PM

DG

Coach Nic. Love your friendship with coach Geis. The View would not have been the View with out Coach Geis and all of the wonderful coaches that touched my life. Coach Geis.. you will definitely be missed. One of a kind. Tears of sorrow yet many great memories from such a great mentor and man. Love you guys.
Big D.

Derek Gualandri - April 25, 2019 at 10:14 PM

PL

Donna & Family,

I became aware of Billy's passing yesterday and was filled with numbing sadness, but also wonderful memories. I wrote a note to other former Drexel football players that I wanted to share with you:

Billy was a hard - nosed football player, fun-loving companion and a thoughtful friend. I can still envision Billy as a lifeguard in Ocean City, NJ..... just the picture of health and vitality. We played football at VFMA and were roommates in our first apartment, sophomore year. There were many adventures that year and to follow.

Billy was clearly an independent soul, his own man, and I admired that in him. You could depend on Billy for his straight, unvarnished view of things, and I took full advantage of that. It's hard to reconcile all of this with his passing.

Guys, please take care of yourselves.

God Bless Billy.

Paul Lit

I live in Denver with my wife. I have a daughter who lives and works in Washington, DC., and a sister who lives in Orlando with her family. Please reach out if there is anything at all that I can do.

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Paul Lit - April 27, 2019 at 01:24 PM

JN

*Many of my fondest memories as a young man include Bill. I had the privilege of playing high school football and serving on the beach patrol alongside Bill. He was a great athlete, a fierce competitor, and yet had an inner peace that I always envied. Bill and I fished together often and the laughs were likely to outnumber our catch. Miss you my friend! God bless the Geisdorf family.
Respectfully, Jack Neall*

Jack Neall - May 02, 2019 at 01:09 PM

SS

What an amazing teacher I had at Cardinal Mooney. Accounting, Business Law, and Consumer Ed. I never left the classroom three periods in a row. Then 10 years after graduation we are in two USF classes together for teaching re-certification . He still the teacher and me still the student. A true mentor, role model, and the excellence in teaching. Thank you so much for all you did.

Scott Scheuer - CMHS Class of 82

Scott Scheuer - May 28, 2019 at 02:05 PM