



Bill M Fisher

December 10, 1929 - May 12, 2019

Plainfield, IN – Bill M. Fisher (Billy Mac) passed away on May 12, 2019. Bill was born in Monrovia, IN on December 10, 1929, the son of Manford and Iris Fisher (McCracken). Bill was a graduate of Canterbury College and Indiana University. His adult profession was dedicated to education. For more than 40 years he worked in coaching and administration in several central Indiana school districts. He loved to play golf and watch IU basketball.

Bill was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, brother and friend. Those loved ones include his wife Martha (Van Den Bosch) Fisher, children Jeff Fisher (deceased) Ann Fisher and Janet McCracken (husband Jerry), grandchildren Jake McCracken (wife Annette) and Brittney McCracken, Karie Jones (husband Mat) and Kris Fisher (wife Jana), great grandchildren KJ (deceased) Braden, Kaitlin, Mia, Eva, Ethan and Addison.

Memorial services will be Thursday, May 16, 2019 at Plainfield United Methodist Church, 600 Simmons Street, Plainfield, IN. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with the services immediately following. Funeral & Cremation Arrangements are entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. In lieu of flowers, Bill requests donations to support the remodeling project at PUMC, Monrovia Elementary Library or the Morgan or Hendricks County Humane Society. Online memories, condolences and photos may be shared with his family via Facebook by searching LIGHT MEMORIAL &

FUNERAL CHAPEL @ MonroviaFuneralHome and online at www.lightmemorial.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Plainfield United Methodist Church
600 Simmons Street
Plainfield, IN 46168

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

KD

“ *Karen Bradley Donnelly lit a candle in memory of Bill M Fisher* ”



Karen Bradley Donnelly - May 16, 2019 at 10:49 PM

“ I have so many fond memories of Bill Fisher that I can scarcely relate them all. (And some might be only worthy of telling in private circles.) This man hired me as a teacher at Hall Elementary School in 1990. What he didn't know at the time, but I've told him since, that having that job totally changed my life. My personal life was falling apart. I had only arrived in Indiana the year before, but I needed to be able to support my daughter and me when my then-husband and I separated. That, alone, put a soft spot in my heart for Bill.

I have another memory that involves an old school building, an oil furnace, and safety. My first classroom was ensconced in a basement room of the old Hall School. One day, smoke started entering the classroom via the ceiling vents. I pushed the intercom and told the office that I was evacuating the kids because we had smoke. Almost before I could get the kids out into the hallway, I saw Bill come running, full tilt, down the hall toward us. This is a man who was one-to-two years from retirement (I forget which). What a guy! (As it turned out, the furnace, which was just around a corner of that classroom, had simply belched. No fire. We were safe.)

But my favorite memory of Bill Fisher occurred the year he was to retire. I was the only non-tenure teacher at Hall. It was his duty as the school administrator to evaluate me via classroom observations the previous year and this one, twice per year. Toward the end of the school year, we had at least three scheduled observation dates, but each time, some administrative thing got in the way. My evaluation would be the last one of his career, but he was getting frustrated because he couldn't seem to find the time to get it done. Finally, I said, "Bill, you've seen how I teach. How about you write an evaluation and I'll sign it?" He did and I did, and neither of us ever told a soul. (I should note here that it was a fair evaluation, with both flowers and weeds. Bill was nothing if not fair!)

I attend Bill and Martha's church. As we celebrated Bill's life at his funeral service today, my heart rejoiced that the church was packed. Bill Fisher touched so many lives. May God bless Martha and the

rest of his family. You guys have a tough act to follow!

With all my respect and love...

Peggy McNary - May 16, 2019 at 02:59 PM

RL

“ *Renee Langfritz lit a candle in memory of Bill M Fisher*



Renee Langfritz - May 16, 2019 at 10:20 AM

JG

“ *I was so lucky to have Mr. Fisher as my 6th grade teacher at Monrovia Elementary school. He was and will always be one of my absolute favorites. I was lucky to see him in my adult years, usually at The Coachman, with his wife on Sunday's after church. He always had a big smile and a hug for me. I will never forget him and send my deepest condolences to his family.*
Julie (Ringer) Galyan

Julie Galyan - May 15, 2019 at 01:44 PM

NW

Mr. Fisher was my Class of 1959 Sponsor and teacher at Eminence High School. I remember him fondly and appreciated his leadership and integrity. It was good to see him at our 60th Alumni Banquet along with Bill Gore, who was also our class sponsor. My love and sympathy to the family. God bless!

Nancy Frye Wilson - May 15, 2019 at 03:59 PM

RE

Mr. Fisher was my favorite principal in all my 27 years of teaching. I was so fortunate to have his leadership at Paul Hadley Middle School in Mooresville when I became a teacher there in January 1972, He was a very direct, kind and congenial man with a big smile. In these later years I would see him in Plainfield at Kohls or Doctor's offices with his wife, he always greeted me with his big smile, remembering my name and a great conversation.

Dear family, you have had a great heritage! He was a "Giant" in the world of education. I'm so glad her crossed my path in life.

Ruby Eccles

Ruby Eccles - May 16, 2019 at 08:57 AM

JM

“ *Jeannie McCloud-Stephens lit a candle in memory of Bill M Fisher*



Jeannie McCloud-Stephens - May 14, 2019 at 06:12 PM

PD

“ *Bill Fisher. He was such an example of integrity. I was fortunate enough to have been influenced by him both professionally and personally. My first memory of Bill was hearing about him through his wife, Martha. She and I taught together at Neil Armstrong where I grew to know that when Martha said something, you better listen, because it would be quietly profound. She had such sound advice, and it was apparent then, in 1972, that she and Bill were a real solid team, which continued for a lifetime. In the 80's I came to Monrovia to teach. And I met "the legend", Bill. Working as a teacher, with Bill as a principal, was a joy. He had that knack for being able to inspire with the delicate balance of humor and firmness. I always appreciated his high expectations and, yet, he was so grounded in reality. I don't think he ever expected anything of us, that he, himself, would not be willing or able to do. And yet, he could laugh with us and at himself. One of my fondest memories is the visual of him joining the conga line at the Talent Show at Hall Elementary doing The Locomotion wearing a red bandanna and train engineer's hat. Another wonderful memory is when he was seriously demonstrating the proper use of the new laminating machine and ended up laminating his tie!!! It was hysterical and his ego was not too big to laugh at himself!*

Bill and Martha, my mentors and friends. Grateful for you.

Phyllis Dodd

Phyllis Dodd - May 14, 2019 at 03:54 PM

DO

“ *Denise Oxford lit a candle in memory of Bill M Fisher*



Denise Oxford - May 14, 2019 at 11:48 AM



“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - May 14, 2019 at 11:07 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - May 14, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ Christi Bunch lit a candle in memory of Bill M Fisher



Christi Bunch - May 14, 2019 at 10:45 AM



“ Our Love and Sympathy to the family. Kent and Donna McPhail

Donna McPhail - May 14, 2019 at 10:42 AM

PZ

“ Pat Zeronik lit a candle in memory of Bill M Fisher



Pat Zeronik - May 14, 2019 at 09:27 AM

SC

“ Sandra Arleen Chitwood lit a candle in memory of Bill M Fisher



Sandra Arleen Chitwood - May 14, 2019 at 08:30 AM

RG

“ Reta Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Bill M Fisher



Reta Gibbs - May 14, 2019 at 05:07 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Bill M Fisher.



May 13, 2019 at 10:27 PM

LW

“ Lisa Weiss lit a candle in memory of Bill M Fisher



Lisa Weiss - May 13, 2019 at 08:57 PM

SC

“ Martha and family, we are so sorry to hear about Bill. He always had a smile on his face. I will miss seeing him in Pastor Ron's Bible Study on Thursday mornings.

Sandy and Russ Combs

SANDRA F COMBS - May 13, 2019 at 08:48 PM

SW

“ I had to come back and share one special memory of Bill Fisher. The year was 1957. Eminence High School's first year in the new gymnasium. Bill was our head basketball coach, we had lost every game up until the second to last game of the season. The night we played Gosport and it was both thrilling and exciting to finally win a game. The team carried Bill off the floor on their shoulders. I have always thought they put him in the shower be he said that didn't happen. I was nine years old it the time and that was a thrill of a lifetime and a cherished memory of my childhood. Eminence repeated the one-win season the next year as well by defeating Gosport the second year in a row.

Steve Willett - May 13, 2019 at 08:21 PM

CD

“ Cathy Deardorff lit a candle in memory of Bill M Fisher



Cathy Deardorff - May 13, 2019 at 08:09 PM

SW

“ Once he was coach, in addition he was our teacher. Then he was principal and Superintendent for my children. Through it all, he was a leader, a pillar of the community, a dear friend. Someone who always had a smile and a story. Someone who cared, who took the time to listen with genuine interest, and loved life. When we last talked, he had something important he wanted to tell me, but couldn't remember at the time . I regret we didn't get to finish that conversation. I will miss him dearly. He was a special person and I am saddened by his passing. My sincere and deepest sympathy to Martha and family. Jane and I send up prayers to our God and Savior for his soul. Rest In Peace good Servant, Bill Fisher.

Steve Willett - May 13, 2019 at 07:20 PM

DF

“ Debbie Mason Fraker lit a candle in memory of Bill M Fisher



Debbie Mason Fraker - May 13, 2019 at 05:23 PM

NK

“ *Bill was one of my favorite people. He always had a smile and kind words for me. Don and I are keeping Martha and her family in our thoughts and prayers. Nelda Keltner*

nelda keltner - May 13, 2019 at 05:09 PM

JH

“ *Jan Holcomb-Cummick lit a candle in memory of Bill M Fisher*



Jan Holcomb-Cummick - May 13, 2019 at 04:50 PM

MK

So sorry to hear this sad news. My condolences to the family.

Marlene Kistler - May 13, 2019 at 05:15 PM

RC

Bill was Principal at North Madison Elem. He was one of the best people I have ever known. Great Man

Ruth Craft-Poe - May 14, 2019 at 05:48 PM