



William "Bill" C. Green

July 20, 1934 - November 11, 2011

77, of Avon Park, FL, formerly of Indianapolis, passed away November 11, 2011. Bill was born July 20, 1934 in Indianapolis, to the late Christian and Genevieve Gerard Green. Bill will always be remembered as one of the truly outstanding basketball coaches in Indiana basketball history. Bill coached at Park School, Indianapolis Sacred Heart, Cathedral, Washington and Marion High School in Marion, Indiana as well as five years at the University of Indianapolis. He was a graduate of Manual High School in Indianapolis where he was Student Council President, Alumnus of the Year, as well as Athletic Alumnus of the Year. Bill is a member of the University of the Indianapolis Sports Hall of Fame, and was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1988. Bill retired from Marion High School in 1996. Bill carved a very special niche in Indiana Basketball history that is unique in a career that covered 35 years. Bill was the only Indiana High School basketball coach to win six State Championships during the single class basketball era. Winning it **◆All◆** in 1969, 75, 76, 85, 86, 87. Bill also had the distinction of coaching two undefeated State Championship teams (Indianapolis Washington 1969 and Marion in 1985) as well as the only coach to win **◆back to back◆** State Championships (Marion 75 and 76). In 1987, for only the second time in Indiana High School basketball history, Bill led the Marion Giants to an incredible **◆Three in a Row.◆** The overall record of his six State Championship teams was 165-10 (94%). In 1987, USA TODAY awarded Bill **◆National High School Coach of the Year.◆** In 1996, Marion High School

honored Bill by naming their basketball facility Bill Green Arena. Bill was the author of two books based on his principles of success, Bill Green's Match-Up Zone Defense published in 1978 and Winning Basketball Strategies which he co-authored with Coach Bob Hurley in 1993. Bill received his bachelor's degree from Indiana Central College in 1956. He earned his master's degree from Indiana State University. Bill was a passionate golfer and fisherman. Bill is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Mary Ann (Konstanzer) Green; sons, Kevin M. (Kim), Michael T. (Beth), and Larry J. (Brooke) Green; daughter, Ellen M. Harrod (Matt); brother, Dave Green (Pam); nephews Terry and Todd, previously deceased brother Jack Green (Hilda), nephew Kenny, nieces, Karen and Kristi and six grandchildren; Drew, Elliot, Emma, Jack, Taylor and Chase. In lieu of flowers, in recognition of Bill's devotion to Indiana basketball, memorial contributions may be made to the Bill Green Memorial Fund C/O the Boys and Girls Club of Grant County, 3402 S. Meridian St., Marion, IN 46953. A public celebration of Bill's life will be announced at a later date. Condolences may be sent to Mary Ann Green, 15239 Smithfield Dr. Westfield, IN 46074. At the family's request, burial arrangements will be private and entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.