



William Charles Bissmeyer II

April 15, 1954 - October 25, 2020

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On Sunday, October 25, 2020, William Charles Bissmeyer II, loving husband, father of five and grandfather to 11, passed away at the age of 66 in Naples, Florida. Bill was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 15, 1954 to William Charles Bissmeyer Sr. and Jeanne Puttman. In 1976, he graduated from John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio majoring in business. Bill received his MBA from Xavier University in 1980 and taught marketing classes during his studies. Bill met his loving wife, Helen Maria Francel, while attending John Carroll in 1972. They were married on December 18, 1976. They eventually moved to Indianapolis where Bill started B&B Energy and became a successful businessman while raising their five sons. He had a passion to encourage parents and children to further deepen their relationships. In March 2002, Bill's movement began as Dads' Day influenced by the death of his son, John David, and integrated with the All Pro Dad Organization. His life centered around faith and family.

Bill is preceded in death by his son, John David; his parents and one brother, Roger. He is survived by his wife, Helen; his sons, Bill (Megan), Joe (Camille), Tommy (Nancy) and Andrew (Katie); his 11 grandchildren, John, Charlie and Hannah Bissmeyer; Gemma, Veronica, Felicity and Angelina Bissmeyer; Isabella Bissmeyer; and Alexander, Anibel and Olivia Bissmeyer.

Visitation will be at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, Sunday, November 1, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection at

Holy Spirit at Geist Parish, Monday, November 2, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. A private family burial will follow the Mass. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be directed to the Dad's Day Legacy Fund at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/dad039s-day-legacy-fund>.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel
9900 N. Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 841-7878
info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Mass of the Resurrection

NOV 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Holy Spirit at Geist Catholic Church
10350 Glaser Way
Fishers, IN 46037

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Mr Bissmeyer was always where the kids were. I believe that he truly loved all of us at St Lawrence. I can remember him teaching us girls some cheers on the sidelines at football games and teasing all of us all the time. He was a fun guy to be around. I am so sad to hear of his passing. Mrs Bissmeyer, you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Jessica McIntosh - April 06, 2021 at 12:40 PM

JM

Jessica Holden McIntosh

Jessica Holden McIntosh - April 06, 2021 at 12:41 PM

GU

“ *I only know Bill from my occasional hellos at HSG. Many years ago when we would come to visit daughter from Illinois, we would be with our family and Bill would hand Hot Wheel cars after mass to grandson Jack who now is a Junior at IU. Bill will always be remembered by us as a kind and gentle man.and the HOT WHEEL MAN. Condolences to all the family and friends. By the way, I also graduated from JCU in 1967. Rest in Peace Bill. Jerry Uranker*

Gerald A Uranker - November 09, 2020 at 11:30 AM

DL

“ We were neighbors of Bill and Helen in Cincinnati many years ago, when our first-borns were toddlers. They were great neighbors, good friends, and wonderful people. I loved Bill's sense of humor, and his passion for all he undertook. As we went through my corporate days of relocating we lost touch, but have never forgotten, and times like this remind us to be better at keeping up with those we care about.

So sad for Helen and the family.

Dan and Nancy Lackey

Dan and Nancy Lackey - November 06, 2020 at 02:43 PM

SS

“ I have the best memory of Bill standing on the mound at St Albans little league baseball pitching to the littlest young man, his son, two years too young to be in the league, hat down over his ears, pants rolled up to his knees, shirt so big two other boys could be in with him. Bill standing on the mound and looking right at me, with the biggest smile on his face! Bill took everything to the extreme, but that was bill.

Bill, Karl Heisserer and I coached together at St Albans for years, so many good memories of the boys playing together, three Catholic fathers sending time with their sons.

Bill and I did a lot of business together, he was a hard worker and I had real respect for his work ethic. We butted heads later in the years over projects, but still remained friends. There will be a big whole in this world with Bill gone,

Bill thanks for the memories, I can't help but smile thinking of the times we had together, I could fill the whole page with stories. You were special.

Helen and boys please except my prayers for the loss of your loved one.

Scott Sauer

Scott Sauer - November 03, 2020 at 04:45 PM

JS

“ Helen & Family, Maryan and I and our boys thought so highly of Bill. He touched so many lives through his Dads ministry. We will all miss his great smile and sense of humor. He was truly one of a kind and very generous with his time and talent. With Love, Joe & Maryan Stoffel

Joe Stoffel - November 02, 2020 at 03:20 PM

JS

“ Bill was my friend and business mentor. When I lost my job, he convinced me to start my own company. He wrote a business plan for me, literally drove me and my wife downtown to incorporate my company, organized an office, got me business phone numbers and paid my first months rent. As was his habit, he gave me a \$2 bill to commemorate the occasion which is still sitting on my desk 28 years later. Bill had a thing for turtles at one time, having a pond in front of B & B office. He gave 2 turtles to my two boys who have fond memories of that 20+ years later.

I will always miss Bill and his big personality. Helen. . .you have a heart of gold having been married to that big guy.

I'm sure Bill is trying to sell some air rotation units up in heaven right now.

Jim Simpson

JAMES D SIMPSON - November 01, 2020 at 04:58 PM

CS

“ Helen & family, I am very sad to learn of your overwhelming loss. Bill was a exemplary gentle-man who was one of the few who cared and gave so much of himself without holding back anything. I knew him working with him to help troubled young men through difficult times in their lives. He was simply the best. No one will ever know how many young lives he positively impacted. The world is a poorer place without him.

Chris Smith

Chris Smith - October 31, 2020 at 11:02 PM

JM

My family loved Bill, Helen and all the kids! He was truly an inspiration to everyone! He touched so many lives! He always kept us laughing! We will miss him terribly and he will never forget him and all he did! ❤️

Julie McCormick - November 01, 2020 at 08:39 PM

MS

“ O God of spirits and of all flesh, You have trampled down death and have abolished the power of the devil, giving life to Your world. Thank you for giving rest to the soul of Your departed servant, William Charles Bissmeyer II, in a place of light, in a place of green pasture, in a place of refreshment — where there is no pain, where there is no sorrow, and where there is no suffering. As a good and loving Savior, thank you for forgiving every sin he committed in thought, in word, or in deed; for there is no one who lives and is sinless. You alone are without sin. Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness and Your word is truth. For you, Christ our God, are the resurrection, and the life, and the repose of Your departed servant, Bill. To You we give glory, with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages. May your memory be eternal, dear brother, for you are worthy of blessedness and everlasting memory in Christ.

– an Ancient Greek Orthodox Memorial Prayer

Michael Sares - October 31, 2020 at 10:22 PM

JM

We thought the world of Bill, Helen and his whole family! He helped so many people and was the best! He will Be so missed and never forgotten!❤️

Julie McCormick - November 01, 2020 at 08:42 PM

BM

“ *There were some really special parents at St. Lawrence and Cathedral HS, the kind of people who stay with you, who you'll always love and remember no matter how much time passes. Bill was one of them. He was a great man and I count myself lucky to have known him. Helen, Bill, Joe, Tom, Andrew, I'm sorry for your loss and wish you all the best.*

Brian Monaghan - October 30, 2020 at 10:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Charles Bissmeyer II.*



October 30, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ I was messaging with my family about what a constant he was in my childhood and Colin’s (my brother) as “coach.” From 3rd grade through junior high, baseball and wrestling, he was there, cheering for us or teasing us. Later on, in high school, he hired the rock n’ roll bands I fronted (Simple Fate and Mephisto) to play an event called “Special Night Out,” held at St. Lawrence. The purpose of the night was to give the most amazing party we possibly could, to a large group of mentally handicapped adults from the Indianapolis community. All told I think he reached out to me to play that event 3 or 4 years in a row.

Bill was an extremely charismatic man, who loved to poke fun. He’d often drive me crazy with how much he would tease me, but I tolerated it because I always felt so safe around him and he was just full of positive energy, always lifting me up. That’s how I remember him. He was so influential to me that he actually made it into one of my songs. So sorry for your loss.

Michael O’Brien

Michael O'Brien - October 30, 2020 at 05:33 PM

JO

“ When I shared this sad new with our kids, they immediately began texting back and forth sharing stories and memories of Bill. He played such a role in their lives through sports and other events. He enriched the lives of many children and he will be remembered by so many with great fondness. Prayers for you Helen, Bill, Joe, Tommy and Andrew and your families for peace and comfort.

Julie and Frank OBrien

Julie OBrien - October 30, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Charles Bissmeyer II.*



October 30, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ *Sincere condolences Helen and your Family on the loss of your wonderful Husband and Father. What a lovely man he was. How happy he is to see his beloved John. May he rest in peace. Praying that God gives you all the strength to get through this sad time.*

May Sanders - October 30, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ *So many fond memories of Dad's Day back when my kids were school age. Bill was truly a leader of young men. The impact he had on hundreds of our young people will make us forever in his debt.*

REST IN PEACE

Eric Neal - October 30, 2020 at 08:51 AM



“ *Helen and Andrew, I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was an example of a mature, Christian man. Bill was genuinely sincere and unselfish, giving so much of his time to others. My son Patrick wrestled one year at St. Simon and came home late from a match because a "a nice man took the whole team to McDonalds" after the match. So typical of Bill. May God support you and your whole family at this painful time.*

Joe Vollmer

Joe Vollmer - October 30, 2020 at 08:50 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of William Charles Bissmeyer II.*



October 30, 2020 at 08:07 AM



“ *He was my favorite basketball coach and a good mentor to us. We had team sleepover parties, and mcdonald's after games. He was a great man. Condolences.*

Victor Gersdorff - October 30, 2020 at 03:23 AM



“ *Bill took the grief of losing his son/John and turned it into a crusade for fatherhood.*

He was a dear friend and mentor, who inspired a group of dads to start Dad's Day at Guerin Catholic HS in 2005; it continues today.

Whenever he spoke to our group, it was a packed house. I have had GC dads (and moms) stop me, pull out the partial \$2 bill they received from Bill at the DD Breakfast (initialed by their son/daughter) and tell me how much they cherish it.

Rest in peace my friend.

Bill Crawford

Bill Crawford - October 29, 2020 at 09:58 PM

EP

“ As a Parish Secretary at St. Lawrence I registered Bill & his family and I thought he was so funny. Later I realized that he had a wonderful spiritual life. I am happy that I got to know him & Helen. May he rest in peace

Emily Perkins - October 29, 2020 at 09:51 PM

BC

“ We loved to sit behind him and watch him give matchbox cars to the little guys in Church. And we learned not to let him see us coming into church; he once came back to our pew and in a loud voice said he was so happy to see us back to Church and at Mass! He always made folks smile. God must be embracing him now and smiling and laughing.

brigitt caito - October 29, 2020 at 08:21 PM

EC

“ I met Bill when I was officiating a CYO Boys basketball game. His plays were names of schools which was different than most coaches who would call out numbers for plays. A couple of years later I got to know Bill better as the Youth Ministry Coordinator of St Lawrence. Right away I knew Bill didn't just teach the boys how to play basketball. He taught them a lot more & I could tell he care a lot for his teams. When his son died Bill started Dad's Day. In his grief he reached out to others to bring awareness to the importance of relationships. I admired Bill for sharing his many gifts with others. That's what God calls each one of us to do. My condolences to Helen & the boys. God Bless.

Eva Corsaro

Eva Corsaro - October 29, 2020 at 06:05 PM

WW

“ *Wendy Skibinski & Adam Pearish (MSD of Wayne) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Charles Bissmeyer II.*



Wendy Skibinski & Adam Pearish (MSD of Wayne) - October
29, 2020 at 02:46 PM