



## William R. Pruitt

November 17, 1933 - January 27, 2008

William R. Pruitt, 74, of Fishers, Indiana passed away on Sunday, January 27, 2008. He was born on November 17, 1933 to the late Hollen N. & Jessie (Ruff) Pruitt. He graduated from Arsenal Technical HS in 1952. Bill was a member of Holy Spirit at Geist Catholic Church, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Legatus, The Junto and The Ancient Order of Hibernians. He was the co-founder of Indy Walls & Ceiling, Inc. construction company. He was a State Champion wrestler at 120 lbs. in 1952, the same year that Arsenal Technical HS won the state championship as a team. He was inducted into the Arsenal Technical Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005. He served for the United States Navy during the Korean War. While in the Navy, he was on the US Navy wrestling team and was named **◆All Navy◆**. After returning from the Navy he was an assistant wrestling coach at Cathedral HS. He was very instrumental with coaching Catholic Youth Organization wrestling programs at Our Lady of Lourdes and was responsible for starting the wrestling program at St. Jude in 1970. During his tenure as a wrestling coach for the CYO he was a part of several division championships and City Titles. He returned as assistant wrestling coach at Cathedral HS from 1979 to 1986 and was part of several City, Sectional, Regional and Semi-state championships. They were state runner-up in 1983 and in 1986. Recognized for his work with the youth of the parishes Bill was honored by the CYO with the Monsignor Busald Award and the prestigious St. John Bosco Medal which are awarded to those individuals who volunteer their time and talents to the

physical, mental and spiritual well being of children. Visitation will be Thursday, January 31 from 2:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. with a Rosary service at 7:30 P.M. and Friday from 9:00 A.M. until the Funeral Mass at 10:00 A.M. at Holy Spirit at Geist Catholic Church, 10350 Glaser Way, Fishers, IN 46037. Bill is survived by his wife, Jody (Roessle) Pruitt; children, Steven (Mc-Me) Pruitt, Sharon (Scott) Drehs, Robert (Julie) Pruitt and Dr. David Pruitt; nine grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his brother, Charles K. (Sandy) Pruitt. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Gertrude (Clayton) Spaulding, Rosemary (Vernon) Koers, Hollen E. Pruitt, Joan (Richard) Lankford and Richard K. (Linda) Pruitt. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his name to The Little Sisters of the Poor, CYO and Right to Life of Indianapolis. Services entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.