



William Robert Frederick

March 9, 1944 - July 12, 2015

William R. Frederick of Hartford passed away Sunday, July 12th at the age of 71 years. He was born March 9, 1944 in Shamokin, PA, the son of William C. and Rita (nee Shaw) Frederick. Bill was a wrestler from the time he was 9 years old, through college. At Superior State College of Wisconsin he met his wife of 47 years, Diane “Deon” Cocklin. They moved to Hartford in 1968 and he began teaching at Central Middle School, where he taught for 32 years. He was named “Teacher of the Year” in 1999 an honor presented by Hartford Jt. 1 School District. Bill started a middle school wrestling program; this program was a feeder into the high school wrestling program. In retirement, Bill enjoyed woodworking and started a handyman business. He fulfilled his passion for golfing by working at Kettle Hills Golf Course. He was a long-time member of St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church and will be deeply missed.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Diane “Deon”, his loving daughter Christine (Lewis) Wemyss of CA. He is also survived by his father, William C., of PA, and his brother Tom (Ginny) Frederick of PA. Also surviving are other relatives and many friends.

The family will receive relatives and friends Friday, July 17 from 3-5 p.m. at St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 670 E. Monroe Avenue, Hartford. A memorial service will follow at church at 5 p.m. Revs. Anna Doherty and Michael Tess will officiate. Private interment. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church would be appreciated. The Berndt-Ledesma Funeral Home – Hartford is serving the family.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

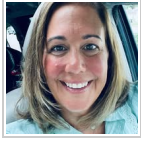
St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
670 East Monroe Avenue
Hartford, WI

Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to have read of his passing. He was a great teacher and his love of it was evident. I thought of his inspiration often when pursuing my studies toward the same career path. Many prayers and warm thoughts of remembrance to your family.

Stacy Walter - July 24, 2015 at 08:41 AM



“ Mr. Frederick was one of my favorite teachers. He treated his students fairly and got us engaged in discussion and taught me why we study history like we do. Learn from our past so we can grow into our future. I know I remember those discussions from time to time, and I try to instill that within my own children. We share a birthday, and he always made sure to remind me. I will remember him fondly as a great mentor and kind man.

Matthew Vandermeuse - July 19, 2015 at 09:32 AM



“ I'm so sad to hear this, he was the only social studies teacher that made me take a great interest in history that I possess to this day. I can't really say that about any other teacher. He saw my potential and actually challenged me to live up to it. He will never be forgotten and I wish more educators possessed his gift for teaching. His passing is definitely a great loss.

~Elizabeth Sauer (Smith)

Elizabeth Sauer - July 18, 2015 at 07:23 PM

JB

“ Deon,
I just was notified about Bill's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. The love you both had for one another was so obvious to anyone who came in contact with you. Ross and I hope the love and memories you shared will get you through these hard times. We wish we could be there to show our support, however we are in Chicago at a conference for Ethan until Sunday. Please reach out to me when you are ready, as we would love to see you. XOXOXO

Jennifer Bartkowski - July 17, 2015 at 11:34 AM

CV

“ *Sending my sympathy and prayers to your family in Bill's passing. Although it has been years since I have seen him, I remember all the memories from grade school through HS from one redhead to another. His father and my mom were classmates and graduated in 1939. God has Bill safe in his care.*
Claire Clutcher Varney

Claire Clutcher Varney - July 16, 2015 at 08:37 PM

NL

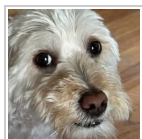
“ *I never had the pleasure of meeting Bill but I am forever grateful to him for inspiring students throughout the course of his career and life. As an educator in the community I know the effort, care, compassion and dedication it takes to make a difference and Bill is certainly an example of making a difference.*

Neil Hanlon - Principal, Lincoln - July 16, 2015 at 03:37 PM

GG

“ Deon and Chris,
Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. Your loss is great. I am sure
you are missing him, but know that you have many beautiful friends
who will help you through this difficult time.
All my best to both of you,
Georgette (Wick) Gilpin

Georgette Gilpin - July 15, 2015 at 08:26 PM



“ With a heavy heart I wish all of you peace.

Sheryl Zabrowski - July 15, 2015 at 07:43 PM

JM

“ Bill was the head of the social studies department when I was told I
would be teaching 6th grade social studies. I went to him in tears
saying, "I can't teach social studies. I don't know any good stories.
I'm a math person." He reassured me that it would be ok and he
would be there to help me. He was always there with a smile to
answer my questions and keep me on track. I so appreciated his
knowledge and expertise. Bill's life influenced many people and he
will definitely be missed. Prayers and God bless - Jane Meyer

Jane Meyer - July 15, 2015 at 12:53 PM

PL

“ Deon,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with
you and your family during this.

Peggy LeVora

Peggy LeVora - July 15, 2015 at 10:51 AM

DB

“ Diane,
I am so sorry for your loss. Much love, prayer & God's comfort to
you & your family.

Diane Boyer

Diane Boyer - July 15, 2015 at 10:46 AM

SJ

“ Our prayers go out to the family.....I remember Bill as a great Social
Studies teacher and coach.....Bill always used the AV department to
make the study interesting for the students. Bill made a mark on
many young people. Thank you God for Bill. Stan and Mary Ann
Jagow

stan jagow - July 15, 2015 at 09:40 AM

KP

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. Bill was an
amazing man and a great role model for so
many. I'm holding you all in my thoughts.



Kate (Schulz) Poppe - July 15, 2015 at 08:51 AM

TF

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Thomas Frederick - July 14, 2015 at 09:16 PM

SA

“ *Bill has always been one of my favorite people. I enjoyed his humor, intelligence and smile. I felt like I knew him forever. I will sadly miss him forever. I will never forget you
Bill. Love you and miss you. Your nurse and friend Sandy*

Sandyfriedl - July 14, 2015 at 04:29 PM