



William F Ridley

September 15, 1952 - November 15, 2020

William F. Ridley, 68, of North Judson, IN, passed away peacefully on November 15th, 2020. Bill was born on September 15, 1952 to William and Margaret Ridley in New York, NY. After graduating from Cranford High School, New Jersey, in 1970, he went on to study Industrial Arts at Indiana State University. Bill received his Bachelor's and later on his Master's in Industrial Technology education. He then returned to Indiana State University to receive his Administration Degree.

While at Indiana State, he met the love of his life, Kaye. After graduation, Bill and Kaye were married May 24th, 1975. Following their wedding, Kaye accepted a teaching position at North Judson-San Pierre Schools where Bill had already taught one year. They were blessed with two sons, Mark and James.

Bill taught and coached at North Judson-San Pierre schools for 30 years. He then joined Kankakee Valley Middle School and served as an assistant principal and Athletic director for the next 16 years. Bill was a firm believer in "Student first, Athlete second".

Bill was an avid NASCAR fan, slot car racer, and loved Alabama football. His passion for sports was evident in his extensive collection of photos and memorabilia.

Bill is survived by his wife Kaye, mother in law Mary, his two sons Mark and James (Crystal), and four grandchildren Michael, Maritess, Ruth, and Luke. He was preceded in death by his parents William and Margaret Ridley, and his

brother Douglas Ridley.

Visitation will be held from 3-7 PM CT Friday, November 20, 2020 at the O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc., North Judson, Indiana. Funeral Services will be 11 AM CT Saturday, November 21, 2020 at the O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to KV Middle School Athletics or The United Methodist Church of North Judson in remembrance of Bill.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions we respectfully ask that you follow all government mandates. Only 50 people will be allowed inside at any one time and must follow rules of social distancing. Please limit visits to 5 minutes or less, unless time permits.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc.
302 Lane Street
North Judson, IN 46366
(574) 896-2149

Funeral Service

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MH

“ Bill taught with me 1977 at NJSP till he moved to Administration. He helped to organize fun activities like Student/Staff basketball games. I worked for Bill , keeping stats at Sectionals for many years. Bill was on "my team" for school activities and fun gatherings. He was my right arm for anything i needed constructed. Prayers to Mark, Jamie, and Kaye.

Murry Hight - November 22, 2020 at 10:29 AM

WO

“ Bill and I worked together at KVMS for his whole time there. He was great to work with as both a coach and as a teacher, but what I always appreciated most was when he asked about my kids and told me about his grandkids. He always lit up! He and I also had some great discussions about the new Star Wars movies coming out. I'll miss those conversations and his smile and positivity. He will be missed at KV, I am glad to have had the opportunity to work with him. I will be praying for the Ridley family during this difficult time.

Will Oates - November 20, 2020 at 03:06 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of William F Ridley.



November 19, 2020 at 05:47 PM

SH

“ Sending my condolences and prayers to the Ridley family from Shanetta and the family



Shanetta - November 19, 2020 at 05:41 PM

JA

“ I worked a good number of years with Bill, starting at the old junior high. We were a tight knit group, and had a lot of fun after games going to Doug's (now Route 10). Bill was a compassionate, fun-loving, all around great guy. My heart goes out to you, Kaye, Mark, Jamie, and to the grandchildren. You are all in my thoughts.

Jackie Archer - November 18, 2020 at 08:24 PM

DO

“ Rest in Peace and enjoy paradise, Mr. Ridley! Your professionalism and politeness made such a lasting impression. Never did you fail to start a school phone conversation with, "I'm sorry to interrupt your class", and you always MAILED thank you notes to a teacher's home for volunteering extra at school. You set the bar this way 100%. Never a quitter, you fought a brave fight against cancer. Now you are restored and rejoicing! God is good.



Diane Georgakis Olis - November 18, 2020 at 10:12 AM

JR

“ I enjoyed working for Bill as his KVIS 6th grade middle school basketball coach, and in the score booth for middle school football games. He also was the assistant principle when my boys attended there. I appreciated his demeanor as a person, assistant principal and athletic director. Though we have moved away to Texas, our hearts and sympathies go out to his family and friends. Jared, Cecilia, Micah, and Seth Raebel

Jared Raebel - November 17, 2020 at 07:57 PM

DS

“ Bill, you were a respected educator and a great friend to many. Thanks for the great memories my friend!! GOD SPEED!!💜💜
DAVID SALOMON

David Salomon - November 17, 2020 at 03:03 PM

JG

“ Gob bless the Ridley family. I had the great honor of being a student of both Mr and Mrs Ridley, both are outstanding teachers and even better people. I could not have learned from any better. Mr Ridley was my first football coach, and I'll always remember the bus rides to games, the various conversations and the sincerity he had. Rest in peace, Mr Ridley.

Joe Griffo - November 17, 2020 at 08:41 AM

JB

“ My heart goes out to the family but take some peace in knowing his pain and suffering are no more. Mr Ridley was an incredible person, teacher, mentor, and most of all a great friend. He taught me so much in my younger years i could never thank him enough. He was a great coach and teacher and I'll cherish every single memory of him even when he had to use the "Bandit" on me. Those whom he taught know exactly what i mean by that lol. Rest in peace my friend and may God bless your family during this time and all those whose lives you touched in North Judson and Kankakee Valley. You were awesome Mr Ridley, #ROLLTIDE!

Jason Barnhart - November 17, 2020 at 05:59 AM

AH

“ Bill was a mentor and worked hard for the teachers and students at NJ-SP. My own children loved his classes. He had mad organizational skills and would tease me about my desk. 🤔 I loved working with him and am thankful we were friends. You rest easy, Bill. My love and condolences to Kaye and the family. 💕

Anita Hershman - November 16, 2020 at 11:45 PM

WR

“ I had the privilege of teaching and coaching middle school basketball for over 20 years with Bill Rdley. Bill was an outstanding teacher, coach, and person who will greatly be missed. He influenced many people's lives in this area through his love for education.
He will be missed, but not forgotten by many people.

William Ransom - November 16, 2020 at 10:22 PM

SL

“ I have many great memories of Bill through our many years of teaching and coaching together at North Judson-San Pierre. I know very few who were as generous with their time and skills as Bill was. The enthusiasm and dedication he brought to whatever task he was taking on was infectious. Bill was always an advocate for the student/player and expected nothing in return. Bill exemplified what a professional educator is all about. I am very grateful to have had you as my friend, Bill. Rest in peace.

Steve Lee - November 16, 2020 at 09:11 PM