



William F. "Bill" Guthrie Ph.D

June 8, 1934 - December 17, 2019

William F. "Bill" Guthrie, Ph.D., age 85, of Mentor, died after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at Enclave of Newell Creek, Mentor, OH. He was born on June 8, 1934, in New Castle, PA.

Bill graduated from New Castle High School where following high school, he enlisted in the US Navy and proudly served aboard the battleship USS Wisconsin. Following his Navy service, he enrolled at Slippery Rock College in PA and earned a degree in Education. In 1963 Bill and Helen moved to Mentor, OH where Bill accepted a position as a teacher with the Mentor School System and taught at Memorial Jr. High. During his time at Mentor Schools, Bill also earned his Doctoral Degree in Education from Kent State University.

Following his retirement from Mentor Schools, Bill worked for Parkview Federal Bank as a mailroom supervisor. In his free time, Bill enjoyed woodworking, making many clocks and picture puzzles for family and friends. Bill also enjoyed spending time with family and watching grandchildren participate in their various activities.

His family and friends will always remember him as a giving father. He was never at a loss for a quick joke or humorous comment. Bill touched the lives of hundreds of students who still share many memories with family members of

him in the classroom.

Survivors include his children: Barbara (Robert) Kovacs, Kathleen (Michael) St. Amand and Robert (Nancy) Guthrie; grandchildren: Daniel Kovacs, Tyler and Ross St. Amand, Bradley (Ellen), Alexander and Ethan Guthrie; great-grandchildren: Aiden and Addisyn Kovacs; future great-granddaughter: Ivy Rose Guthrie; sister: Judy Mittelo and brother: Richard Guthrie.

Preceding William in death are his wife of 45 years: Helen R. Guthrie; parents: Harry and Dorothy Guthrie and siblings: Kathleen Senkbeil and Mark Guthrie.

The family will receive friends from 3-7 p.m., Friday, December 20, 2019, at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH. 44060.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, December 21, 2019, at the funeral home.

Interment will be in Mentor Cemetery, Mentor, OH.

The family would like to thank the numerous caregivers that have provided support and care for Dad over the last several years.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in William F. Guthrie's name be made to the Hospice of the Western Reserve, P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland, OH 44192 or donate online at www.hospicewr.org or Alzheimer's Association Cleveland Area Chapter, 23215 Commerce Park Suite 300 Beachwood, Ohio 44122.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 974-5733

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **20**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
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Funeral Service

DEC **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William F. "Bill" Guthrie Ph.D.*



December 19, 2019 at 11:30 AM



“ *I was so disappointed that I did not get Mr. Guthrie for my science teacher, everyone loved him and I was sure I'd get him. I did however; have the privilege of being asked by Mrs. Guthrie to teach swimming lessons at the Mentor Motel pool with her. I was her assistant and when she stopped teaching I then had a great summer job the next 2 years. A wonderful family and I have wonderful memories.*

Lynne Gartman Haley - December 19, 2019 at 09:21 AM



“ *He was one of those teachers who you remember long after you leave school. We were fortunate to meet him later in life to thank him for all he brought to the classroom.*

Denise R - December 19, 2019 at 08:09 AM

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“ *To the Guthrie Family:
I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a very special teacher who touched my life many years ago. He had a great sense of humor and the most important lesson I learned was to stand up for myself. I'm sure I am only one of many people whose life he touched positively.*

K Norris - December 19, 2019 at 07:29 AM

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*Looking back over the years I can say Mr Bill Guthrie was my favorite teacher .I was very lucky to have Mr Guthrie as my Earth Science teacher at Memorial in 9th grade,1971. His ability to communicate scientific data and keep it interesting and humorous at the same time made him a pleasure to be around, he was truly one in a million. He is also one of the people who helped kindle my early interest in military history, something I enjoy to this very day.
You were a great person and a dedicated teacher Bill Guthrie, and I know I am just one of many where you left an indelible and positive mark that will always be remembered, Rest in Peace.*

*Jim McCrea
Brecksville Oh*

James G McCrea - December 19, 2019 at 04:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William F. "Bill" Guthrie Ph.D.*



December 18, 2019 at 08:26 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William F. "Bill" Guthrie Ph.D.*



December 18, 2019 at 06:18 PM