



William F. "Bill" Schuck

April 25, 1953 - October 20, 2021

William F. "Bill" Schuck, 68, passed away on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 in his Waterville, Ohio home. He was born in Toledo on April 25, 1953 to Nancy and Edwin Schuck.

Bill was a graduate of the University of Michigan, class of 1975 where he was a student and wrestling champion. He was employed as an electrician through Local 8 IBEW and worked at RMF Nooter prior to his retirement. He was a wine enthusiast, nature and dog lover, liked hiking, bird watching, fishing, reading, debating, and all things Michigan, especially football. As a season ticket holder, Bill enjoyed nothing more than taking family and friends to basketball and football games at The Big House. He was an avid lover of music, creating a soundtrack to his life.

Bill will be remembered as a witty, modest, honorable, loving man with a presence larger than life; you always knew when he was in the room. He was a generous leader of men, and so very proud of his family.

He is survived by his loving family: wife, Karen Lee Sirum; children, Sara (Mark) Frommeyer, Katie (Jason) Clarke-Stumbo, Joe (Megan) Schuck; grandchildren, Chloe, Reagan, Jack, Olivia, and Willa; mother, Nancy Schuck; step-children, Celia Sirum Connolly, and Fiona Sirum Connolly; sisters, Denise Rolling, Diane LaGesse, Debbie (Jeff) Crowther; and dog, Ruger. He was preceded in death by his father, Edwin.

His family wishes to extend special thanks to the kind and personal care from everyone at the Rogel Center at the University of Michigan, and Elara Caring

hospice for the excellent support he received.

Friends are invited to gather for a Celebration of Life on Monday, November 1, 2021 from 1:00-8:00PM at the Glass City Pavilion at Glass City Metropark, 983 Front St., Toledo Ohio, 43605. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National Audubon Society, www.audubon.org.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Ansberg-West Funeral Directors, 419-472-7633. To send his family online condolences, please visit www.ansberg-west.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 1. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Glass City Metropark
983 Front Street
Toledo, OH 43605

Tribute Wall

DB

“ He was a great man who I had the honor of calling my Uncle and Godfather. Uncle Bill was there to help motivate and coach on wrestling and on life. Some of my greatest memories were post wrestling practice he would demonstrate and coach on the finer points of the “Bill Schuck” style of wrestling, including a devastating head snap!

Uncle Bill was always active (wrestling, biking, kayaking, etc) and no matter what could light up a room and make you laugh with his wit and wisdom. This is how I will remember him and smile. May he Rest In Peace.

Thoughts and prayers to Karen and the Schuck family. - Dino

Daniel Barrow - November 01, 2021 at 10:54 PM

RV

“ Ruth and I want to offer our deepest condolences to Bill's family. His untimely death is a tragic and sad event. Bill and I were teammates on the Michigan wrestling team and neighbors in married student housing. We shared some good times - not the least of which was running from north campus to wrestling practice at Chrysler Arena in the middle of winter. Bill and his wife at this time, Cheryl, were good friends to us - taking Ruth and I home with them several times at the holidays to enjoy their families. We will always remember the birth of Sara - her arrival certainly livened up a tiny U of M apartment.

As other's have noted, Bill had a way of expressing himself that was both thoughtful and humorous - he had some opinions and theories about things, most effectively expressed with good nature and that great smile as a follow-through. I can remember one time Bill was riding in the back bench seat of my old, 1964, VW bus - at one point Bill's pontificating and the hills of Ann Arbor became too much for the rusty bolts holding his seat in place and he and the entire seat went over backwards - Ruth and I turned around to see only his two feet waving in the air. Of course Bill was unfazed, his smiling face soon popping up, laughing it off and continuing his previous discourse.

Bill was a great example as an athlete, he gave his all in the practice room and in competition. I always looked up to him for his desire to improve and willingness to go all in. He just took it for granted that this was the way to be - he taught us a lot!

Our love to all those who Bill touched - Rich and Ruth Valley

Rich Valley - November 01, 2021 at 03:32 PM

JK

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We both were married while in school and lived across from each other in married student housing. Our wives Cheryl and Paula became good friends and we all shared in those fun early years of marriage.

I had the opportunity to meet with Bill and our most recently deceased teammate John Ryan for dinner and drinks in Ann Arbor 5 times from 2004-2011, when I came to Ann Arbor for Review courses.

Our last get together with Bill was when Karen and Bill came west and we did a 12 day camping trip to Grand Canyon, Zion(where Bill climbed to “The Angels Landing” a difficult climb), Bryce and Arches National Parks.

He looked and felt great and that is how I will remember him, with a smile.

Peace and Love to you Bill and to your family.

John and Paula King



JOHN AND PAULA KING - October 26, 2021 at 03:18 PM

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RB

“ I was privileged to be Bill Schuck's college wrestling coach in the early 70's. He was an unique individual, respected by all and loved by his coaches and teammates. He was thrilled to wear the Michigan uniform, and he competed as though the school's entire reputation rested on his shoulders. He was as tough on the mat as he was likable away from it. He was a Big Ten place-winner and an important cog in our team's 1973 Big Ten Championship, which to this day is the last Michigan team to win the conference title. And while he didn't win every match, he prevailed in most and his opponent came away knowing he'd been in a helluva battle and would still feel it the next day.

His matches aside Bill was vital to the spirit of our team. He possessed a wry sense of humor and always had a quip that would lighten the mood of even the most tense competitive moments. In the 1970s our team drove to most of our away competitions in two oversized station wagons. I drove one and my assistant Bill Johannesen drove the other. Each of us silently hoped Bill would be in our car because it meant the trip would not seem so long, as you could always count on him for a witty wisecrack or two from the back seat.

I loved the guy and am deeply saddened by his premature passing and want offer my deepest condolences to Karen and the entire family. We've lost a wonderful human being and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Rick Bay

U of M head wrestling coach, 1970-74

Rick Bay - October 26, 2021 at 01:15 PM

KS

“ Billy was a sweet child and I am grateful that he grew into such a fine leader and accomplished man for his family. I am here in Florida but my heart is with you all. All my love to the family and friends. Especially my Aunt Nancy who I love. May you always have the light, love and joy Billy had in his heart!

Karen L Schenck - October 26, 2021 at 01:49 AM

LL

“ Karen and family, I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Bill was a very intelligent, witty and fun individual that I met working at Walt Churchill's Market Wine Shop on Briarfield. Please know you are in my prayers and that embrace and celebrate his life. Rest in peace my friend!

Larry Loutzenhiser

Larry James Loutzenhiser - October 25, 2021 at 11:29 AM

AB

“ Dear Diane and Family,
I was very saddened to hear the news about Bill. He always was able to lighten the mood during those long nights at apprenticeship school. Sadly during our electrical careers our paths never crossed on the job. Please know I am praying for God's peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Arnie Buehler IBEW # 8 Class of '83, Ottawa River Elementary

Arnie Buehler - October 25, 2021 at 07:03 AM

TP

“ Since learning of the passing of my good friend, I have said many thanks to my fellow classmates from St. Francis and outside of St. Francis. We played football and even wrestling a bit together. I have tons of memories of Bill. As I wrote in a post last week. Bill is a legend at St. Francis and the class of 1971! He will be greatly missed, and I send prayers to Karen and the Schuck Family.

Tim Iorio. Ph.D. - October 24, 2021 at 09:31 AM

TC

“ I met Bill as a freshman at St. Francis. We were in the same class that year. I had the misfortune of wrestling him at practice one day. I think Joe Sev was mad at me. Bill put every hold he knew on me. I still hurt. I ran into him and "Jingles" at a bar some years ago. he asked me when did I get so big. I said "Oh no, we are not wrestling!" I recently texted back and forth with him and shared a phone call or 2. He'll be missed but I can tell he touched a lot of lives. Rest in Peace fellow Knight. -Tom Cherry Class of '71.

Tom Cherry - October 23, 2021 at 05:49 PM

JB

“ Schick Family, Bill and I became friends during our working days. Even though he was an Electrician, on the job, we considered him as a honorary Boilermaker. He was so much fun to be around and needless to say we had many laughs. He will be missed dearly. My thoughts and prayers during these times. Jerry Bullocku

Jerry Bullock - October 23, 2021 at 05:49 PM

CJ

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Cousin Jerry - October 23, 2021 at 04:12 PM

P'

“ *Bill was a great classmate and a great competitor. I remember when I first met him my freshman year at SFS, he was an amazing athlete who never quit.*

May he Rest In Peace.

Paul C. Pellioni SFS Class of '71 - October 23, 2021 at 02:12 PM

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“ *When a freshman at St. Francis, I joined the wrestling team and had to wrestle Bill at practice. Wow, was I underprepared! Bill tossed me around like a rag doll, pinned me 3 times in 3 minutes, just beat me like a drum! But he always treated me well both as a classmate and later in life. He was a class person and he will be terribly missed. God rest his beautiful soul.*

Bill Conlisk- SFS Class of 1971 - October 23, 2021 at 12:24 PM