



## Greg Hill

January 18, 1955 - August 16, 2011

Greg Hill, 56, of Bloomington, IN (formerly of Hammond, IN) passed away Tuesday August 16, 2011. Greg was born January 18, 1955 in Hammond, IN to Carl E. and Judith D. (Allen) Hill.

Greg was a beloved husband, brother, son and uncle. He was a gifted body reflexologist, running "Energy Works" for over 20 years. Greg was also owner of Players Pub where he supported the arts, artists and musicians. He will be sorely missed by his extended "Pub" family. Greg was an active member of his community; frequently hosting benefits and offering support to those in need through Players Pub and Energy Works, and his overall loving and giving nature.

He is survived by his wife Mary Hill, father Carl Hill of Hammond, IN., brother Larry and his wife Jackie Hill of Hebron, IN., sisters Carla Calendrello of Hammond, IN., Sandra and her husband David Rhoades of Apache Junction, AZ., many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Greg was a mentor and role model to many.

He was preceded in death by his mother, and Grandmother Mayreen

Jarosz.

Services will be held 4pm, Sunday, August 21, 2011 for family and close friends at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 S. Old State Road 37 Bloomington, IN. Visitation will be from 12-4pm with service to follow.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date at Players Pub for his extended Pub family.

In Lieu of flowers contributions can be made in Greg's name to the Susan B. Coleman Breast Cancer Research or Amnesty International.

Allen Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Friends can send condolences to [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org)

# Tribute Wall

KD

“ *A good friend.*

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**Kathy Davis** - June 15, 2019 at 12:03 AM

TE

“ *What a cool dude was he, Greg Hill. He always made people feel welcome and would seek out the lonely person and let them know they were part of the club, family or pub family. Bloomington lost one of its finest.*

*Can't wait to see you again one day Greg.*

*With your loving heart, I feel I know I will in heaven, see you again.*

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**Terri Inskip** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

NA

“ Greg was the brother I always wanted and never had - till I met him. We met in the first days of Players Pub through our friend Tim H., I think it was. I remember Greg allowed my son, James, to play his trumpet with Carlyn Lindsey & Snakedoctor even though he wasn't yet 21. Greg was stern with him, "you're either on the stage or you need to leave." No ifs, ands, or buts about it! James learned at an early age to respect the man! (Chuckle) James played again with CL & Snakedoctor and Michael Kelsey the night he turned 21. Greg knew how grateful I was for the opportunities he gave my son. And what a tribute to Greg and Players Pub that a young man turning 21 years of age would choose to spend it there with mom and friends and nowhere else! I got to know Greg even better when I did an ethnographic study on the Pub for an Anthro class. Through interviews and observations over several months' time, I got insights into Greg's character and his ethics, and I understood then why the Pub was such a special place. He held himself to high standards, inspiring us to be better versions of ourselves. He was generous in spirit and service. I'm thankful to have had conversations and pictures with Greg the evenings prior to his passing. He will always be remembered by James and me. A very special man who created a very special community. Let's keep Greg's vision and legacy alive.

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**Nat McKamey** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

MI

“ what a great guy! he really loved the blues and gave local bands a place to play and hangout. i play guitar in the swingrays and he helped my dreams come true. every guitar player wants to play in a cool club with dancers and have some fun. thanks greg. i was looking forward to talking to you about the blues and thanking you for the opportunity you gave me...i think you know.

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**mike caldwell** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

HO

“ I am in shock. So many times people just seem... invincible and Greg was definitely one of those people to me. Greg was a good guy. I am still sitting here in disbelief. My thoughts and prayers with his family and friends.

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**Holly Drake** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

MM

“ We met Greg through our daughter and son-in-law, Madelyn Ritrosky-Winslow and Charles Winslow who live in Bloomington. He was a thoughtful and caring person. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal: Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

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**Myron and Martha Ritrosky** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

PO

“ Our daughter, Sarah Beth Tilford, enjoyed going to Players Pub. The managers were always nice to her and she really enjoyed the music.

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**Polly Tilford** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

MI

“ On behalf of The Moondoggers, our condolences to friends and family. Our group has made an annual run to the Hoosier Motorcycle Memorial, and we called to see if Greg would open early for our group. He did so and we discovered a he was a Region Rat like us, some of the guys knew him from High School. From then on, our run highlight was always the great music, food and attitudes at Players. We will miss you bro.

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**Mike Massa** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

PA

“ I am a member of Afro Hoosier International and our favorite venue was always Players because Greg made us feel extremely welcome and was always fun to talk to. Every member of our band has expressed deep sadness and we send Greg's family our thoughts.

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**Patrick McNaughton** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

JA

“ I cannot express the sadness I felt upon hearing of Greg's passing. Greg is the oldest son of my oldest brother. I am stricken with grief over this sad news that my nephew has passed on and I wish Greg's family to know that I share in this terrible loss. Greg was such a kind person and I know that he will live on in our memories.

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**james hill** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

BE

“ He was a great cousin I just wish I could have seen him more than I did Greg will be missed. I enjoyed being around Greg

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**Benjamin Hill** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

TO

“ We were saddened by Greg's passing. One of the reasons Carla and I enjoyed visiting Players Pub was the friendly atmosphere Greg had created. Oftentimes, he would sit at our table just to find out how we were. That meant a lot. We were very much impressed by his outgoing spirit and willingness to host benefits for the organizations in Bloomington that help those needing food, clothing and shelter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God Bless You. Tom & Carla Hedges

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**Tom Hedges** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

J(

“ I remember meeting him years ago when we had a big family reunion. Michael has many stories of you getting together as kids and the fun you had. RIP cousin Greg.

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**Jane (Michael) Hill** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

TS

“ Marcia introduced me to Greg when she managed the pub, since then he has proved to be a dear friend, we shared a love for the Healing Arts as well as my brother, who became his right hand man in property improvements. Greg put his heart into creating a unique community of music lovers and provided them an incredible place to enjoy the comraderie of good fun. His vision of "creating a place of healing" took deep root in Bloomington under his watch. Many great people would gather there to enjoy quality music and friends. Greg Hill was a friend to many. Many will be astonished that he has moved on, but all will see the evidence of the wonderful lasting things Greg said or did. Thank You Greg, healing hugs to all.

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**Teresa Seacrist** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

DI

“ R.I.P cousin Greg, You will always be remembered.

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**Diana Hill-Reillo** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

MA

“ I was saddened to hear of Greg's passing. I went to Morton High school with him. He was a very stand out and good person then and by reading the other condolences and obit that he has carried that with him all his life. My sincere condolences to Greg's family.

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**Mark Deere** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

BI

“ *My deepest condolences to Greg's Family. I considered the Pub to be 'an extension of my living room'. Simply put, I love that place. Greg will be missed greatly by many. I am blessed to have know him. His wit, sense of humor and kindness was quite evident and beyond compare.  
I wish the Family strength to carry you through this most difficult time.  
Peace to Greg.*

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**Bill Litviak** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

LM

“ *Dear Hill Family,  
  
I knew Greg briefly during my stay at Jill's House in 2008. He created a unique environment for musicians and music lovers. Visiting Player's Pub on a number of occasions was one of the highlights of my stay in Bloomington. I will always remember Greg and the way he presided over his wonderful pub to make sure that customers and musicians had a great musical and dining experience. I hope somebody carries on the tradition for him to keep his memory alive.*

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**Lee Mishkin** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

BV

“ Greg you'll remain in our hearts as an example of how to make the world better in each of our little parts of it!  
Thanks for the gifts of music, fellowship, foods, drinks, massage and healing you have given to the world.  
I was a Prostrate Cancer patient being treated in Bloomington, Indiana at the Indiana Univerity's Midwest Proton Radiotherapy Institute for 5 days a week for 9 weeks and met you through my saxophone player Don (of the patient music group The Protons who played at Jill's House non-profit housing for cancer patients and their families) who told us about your club and we went and played on Musician Jam Night. We met and talked and you and Julie Birkett offered my wife Valerie and I and any other cancer treatment patients free Massage and Reiki treatments. It relieved the stress and help me heal (I'm now 3 years cancer free)and my wife with her stress too. We also thank you for doing Player's Pub night fundraisers for Jill's House the Bloomington,Indiana non-profit housing for cancer patients and families being treated with Indiana University's Proton Therapy program which allows them to eliminate the cancer tumors without any damage or side effects on healthy tissues and organs surrounding it.  
Greg you were a blessing to us and the world, we love and miss you!

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**Byron & Valerie Bostic** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

MI

“ very sorry to hear of Gregs passing , we would come into town and he would open early for us ,sorry I missed him last week , great guy

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**mike good** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

LC

“ He sure could tell a joke.

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**Leslie Crandall** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

LY

“ *Saddened to hear of Greg's passing, Rest in Peace my Friend. My Condolence to you Mary, and all of your Family,*

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**Lydia Colburn** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

CR

“ *You will be greatly missed.Thanks for all the help through out the years.Loved you like a brother.*

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**craig calandrello** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

BR

“ *I know it is very sad time for many people right know. Greg Hill was a one of a kind. He was the most caring and giving person I have ever incountered. You could feel his energy and presence when he walked in a room with out even seeing him. It was an honor to know him. He may be gone but he will never be forgotten. I know he will always be watching over all of us.*

*Namaste*

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**Brandi Robinson** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM

DE

“ Only knew Greg for a short time. My son Zakk Knight an up and coming Blues guitarist became an example of Greg's generosity. Players Pub was The Zakk Knight's Bands' first gig... which lead to several wonderful nights playing the Pub. Zakk is hurt and confused as to why...he will always appreciate the big guy for giving him the honor of playing at his Pub.

Zakk will go far, everyone deserves a chance and Greg gave him that chance. Zakk is sad and will always remember Greg as a mentor and a incredibly good person.

We Know You Are Listening Greg  
Zakk will play for you.

Zakk Knight  
Debra Knight

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**Debra Knight** - October 26, 2015 at 04:23 PM