



## J. William (Bill) Sibbitt Jr.

July 25, 1954 - December 15, 2014

Beloved Bloomington Native, Bill Sibbitt, Dies at 60

J. William (Bill) Sibbitt Jr. died in his home on Monday, December 15. He was 60 years old.

Bill, or "Billy", as folks often called him, was a Bloomington boy, born at Bloomington Hospital, educated at Elm Heights Elementary, Binford Junior High and Bloomington High School. He graduated with a BA degree from Indiana University in 1978 where he was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and IU Student Foundation. As a Phi Gam alumnus, he remained active, serving as its IU chapter advisor for several years. He was a member of the IU Men's Golf team.

Throughout his life, Bill was an avid athlete and fan--little league pitcher and basketball guard for BHS' successful run to Indiana's semi-state in 1970. As a life-long golfer, he was a three year member of the BHS golf team and later coached the BHS South Golf team through three seasons. He also served as president of the Bloomington

Country Club where he held a membership throughout his adult life.

Bill's ties to Bloomington were deep. As an alumnus, he was a lifelong season ticket holder to IU varsity football and basketball games. He was a life member of the IU Alumni Association and the IU Varsity Club.

Bill retired from his career as an investment broker with Hilliard Lyons in 2011.

Beloved by all who knew him, Bill dedicated his life to his family and friends. He gave charitable support to the IU Foundation, the IU Varsity Club, the IU College of Arts and Sciences, Hoosiers Outrun Cancer, the Olcott Center for Cancer Education in the name of Dr. J.W. Sibbitt, the American Red Cross Monroe County Chapter, Girls Inc. of Monroe County, the Bloomington Parks and Recreation's Hook a Kid on Golf program and the Lloyd Olcott Endowment Fund for Youth Scholarships.

Everyone who met Bill was drawn to his contagious smile and genuine warmth. He created a vast network of loving and devoted friends who cherished his kindness, compassion, outgoing personality and generous spirit. He always had time for rich conversations with his family and friends and always made each one feel special and loved. He was also a devoted dog lover.

Bill is preceded in death by his father, Dr. J. W. Sibbitt, and his mother, Joan D. Sibbitt. He is survived by his sisters, Susie (Rick) of Sacramento, CA and Sally (Tom) of Plymouth, MN; four nieces, Joanie, Julie, Stephanie and Abby, and

nephew Joe.

Funeral services will be 2pm Sunday December 21, 2014 at the Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old State Road 37 in Bloomington. Visitation will be 5-8pm Saturday December 20, 2014 at the funeral home.

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

# Tribute Wall

KK

“ To the Sibbet family and all who knew and loved Bill.....condolences to you all! As CS Lewis said, Jesus did not come to remove suffering but to fill it with his presence. May this time of hardship be filled with His comfort through His Great Love!

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**Kathryn kuntz Rogers** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

AN

“ I was very sad to hear of "Uncle" Bill's passing. He had a true appreciation for the love of family and an infectious enthusiasm I admired and won't soon forget. My family and I offer our heartfelt sympathies to his sisters, nieces, my Aunt Debbie and all of those who feel a little less whole in losing him.

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**Andrew Lemon** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

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“ Coach Sibbitt was my high school coach all four of my years at Bloomington South. He took a chance on me my freshman year to keep me on the team and I'll always be grateful for that opportunity. For some reason, he saw potential in me and my game when nobody else did. He always encouraged my unorthodox methods and swing, saying that as you continue to get better my teammates will "stop questioning your methods". I appreciate everything he did for me and what it did for my love of the sport. We'll miss you Coach and Thank You!

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**Nick Bennett** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

JS

“ Dear Sibbitt family:

*So sorry to hear of Billy's passing. We made our friendship on the golf course starting in high school in the early 70's and at IU games and events. Being the same age, I remember playing against him in golf matches when I played for Linton and in several tournaments at Cascades Golf Course. I remember he always won our matches and was a tremendous golfer and athlete. He will be terribly missed. May the Lord Bless You and Keep You during this most difficult time. With deepest condolences,*

*John Sullivan*

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**John Sullivan** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

KF

“ *Our hearts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Kris and Keith Johnson family** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

LE

“ *Bill was a good friend for many years. He will be missed. My thoughts are with his family. Lee*

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**Lee Layman** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

BA

“ *Class of 72  
Bill, while ever popular, was nice to all. Great smile , kind person.  
My thought and prayers to his loved ones.*

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**becky strom apodaca** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

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“ Dear Susie and Sally, my mom (Zoe Jordan) and I were so saddened to learn of Billy's passing. As Mom said, he was such a sweet kid! Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Debbie West (Jordan)** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

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“ We shared many classes together at Elm Heights. His positive influence through the years has been significant. We hold Bill's legacy with us. Peace and comfort for his family and dear friends.

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**Narissa Bach** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

JL

“ I am so sorry to know that Bill has passed away. I have many fond memories of him from Binford junior high through high school and the years beyond. He was always kind to me and I know how much he was loved by close friends of mine. He will be remembered fondly by all who knew him. I am sorry I cannot be there for the visitation to tell you this in person. I hope you can find peace in the love of family and friends.

*Sincerely,*

*Jane Holtzman Lucas*

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**Jane Holtzman Lucas** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

TO

“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Bill was a great man and he will be truly missed and will always be remembered by the Forsyth family. My brother Mark and I played on the little league baseball team with him and he was a great athlete. Our mother Thelma worked for his father for many years, so our ties go way back. Although we had not seen him for many years, he came to my father’s funeral in 2001 and it was nice that he was there for us. Please accept our condolences.

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**Tom Forsyth** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

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“ All my prayers are with Sibby's family. He was loved by many and will be missed by all. Especially his brothers at Phi Gamma Delta.

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**Sliv** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

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“ I was surprised and so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I attended school with him through the years and without exception, he always had a ready smile and personal greeting for me. May he RIP, and may his family gain some comfort in the knowledge that so many, many people have been touched by his kindness, and will miss him very much.

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**Robyn (Bennett) Ryan** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

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“ I was saddened to hear of Bill's passing. I moved from Bloomington in 2001, but I always enjoyed seeing him around the country club! Sally, to you and our family, please know how sorry I am for your loss, especially during this holiday season. Best, Carol Patton Burk

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**Carol (Patton) Burk** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

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“ I was very sorry to learn of Bill Sibbitt's passing. Bill, as you know, was a kind and generous man; and he was very good to our son when he played golf under Bill's tutelage at Bloomington South. Bill went out of his way to help my son get his first job at the Bloomington Country Club after his freshman year, a job he treasured and held for almost seven years until his senior year at IU and internships took up most of his time. And I know this is but one of many examples of Bill going out of his way to help someone. During these years we would see him frequently on the golf course, and he was always encouraging my son--and me. He will be missed, and my wife and I will always be grateful to him.

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**Stephen Watt** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

JU

“ To all of Bill's family, my deepest condolences. As a fellow classmate of the class of '72, although I didn't know Bill well, he always had a smile and kind word for everyone he met. He was taken way too soon. May God bless and hold each one of you in his loving arms at this time.

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**Judy Jackson-Sundt** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

DA

“ My sincere condolences to Bill's family and friends. I hope you can draw some comfort in knowing that others share your sadness and hold you in their thoughts and prayers.

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**David Munoz** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

TP

“ We heard the tragic news and want to say how deeply sorry we are. It was so unexpected, which makes it even harder on those of us who share your grief. I hope that the outpouring of sympathy you are receiving is some consolation at this very sad time. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers. Peace, Tara Woods & Duane Hardwick

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**Tara WOODS Pierson** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

EV

“ To The Sibbitt Sisters...

*You have written a lovely tribute to your brother. Yes, his spirit, his smile, his warmth. I met Bill in the 1980s through my best friend in Bloomington, the late Regina Miller, who would decorate his home for Christmas as only she could. I liked Bill right away. So affable!*

*Special condolences, also, go out to Jeremiah at this terrible time of loss. (I've been there, too.)*

*God speed, Bill, and may you rest in peace.*

*With Sympathy,  
Evelyn Powers,  
Bloomington, Indiana*

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**Evelyn Powers** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

BJ

“ Thank you for your friendship, Billy. You will truly be missed.

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**BJ McElroy** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

JS

“ To the beloved family of Bill,

*Bill was a BIG presence in our class at BHS. As many will share, his smile and warm spirit were always a part of his personality which he shared freely. His early passing is truly a shock to so many of us. May treasured memories of Bill fill your hearts!*

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**Jennifer Sipes Mcdonald** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

BL

“ Susie, Sally, and Deb,

*Hugs and love for you all during this tough time. Les and I are here for any of your family needs. Bill was the best and will be in our hearts forever. Those hearts are broken, but happy that Bill is free.*

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**Bill and Leslie Pfrommer** - October 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM