



William "Bill" Morris Hahn

March 7, 1940 - January 17, 2017

William "Bill" Morris Hahn, 76, of Bloomington, passed away on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at I.U. Health Bloomington Hospital. He was born on March 7, 1940 in Monticello, Indiana as the son of Roy M. and Isabelle (Swisher) Hahn.

Bill graduated from Monticello High School in 1958, where he was an All-State Athlete. Following High School, Bill joined the United States Navy in 1961. During his service, he completed two tours through the Mediterranean Sea, taking him to Spain, Italy, and many other locations. On January 4, 1964, Bill married the love of his life, Carol (Gustin) Hahn, and they celebrated 53 wonderful years of marriage together. Bill graduated in from Purdue University in 1969 with a Bachelor's Degree in Forestry. He went on to work for the Indiana Department of National Resources, where he retired in July of 2008, after 38 years of service.

Bill was a member of St. John the Apostle Catholic Church. He was also a member of the American Legion serving on the Monroe County Honor Guard, and Knights of Columbus, where he held numerous positions of council. He enjoyed camping, fishing, movies, and puzzles. Bill was an avid sports fan, particularly Purdue Sports, as he cheered on the Boilermakers in his Purdue Room.

Bill is survived by his wife, Carol (Gustin) Hahn; daughter, Susan Marie; sons, William M. (Yanina) Hahn, Jr. and Michael J. (Susan) Hahn; grandchildren, Ashley M. Anderson and Rachel M. Anderson, and great-granddaughter, Audrey M. Lawrence, along with several nieces and nephews, and sister, Juanita (Vern) Hickey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Kenneth W. Hahn, Rudy L. Hahn, and James Hahn.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, January 23, 2017 at St. John's the Apostle Catholic Church. Bill's family will receive friends on Sunday, January 22, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Bill's family at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **22**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **23**. 9:30 AM (ET)

St John the Apostle Catholic Church
4607 St Rd 46
Bloomington, IN 47404

Tribute Wall

PW

“ *To Carol and Family
Sorry to hear of Bill's passing.I was in Bill's class of 58 at Monti.We
played basketball
together and always talked at class reunions .I will miss Bill my
sympathy
to you*

Paul Wiseman

Paul Wiseman - February 12, 2017 at 05:02 PM

RB

“ *Carol and family .. Dianne and I wish to express our sorrow at Bill's
passing .. As Monticello classmates and friends we remember the
great times of our youth.. School sports and other events ,, and of
course the boy scout activity.. Then there was winter ice skating at
the bayou near his home.. Many of the these good times were
shared at Class reunions. And I recall Bill saying he loved his job
and knew every tree in the state forest..*

Bless you all ..

Richard ('58) & Dianne Richter Bush ('60). now in Longmont CO.

Richard Bush - February 12, 2017 at 02:28 PM

KK

“ *Dearest Carol, I am so sorry to read this
morning about Bill's passing. Whenever we
had a Monti Class of 58 or school reunion, we
could always count on him being there. I will
miss him so much as he was one of those
who made our class great! Blessings and comfort to you. Kay Kiser*



Kay Kiser - February 11, 2017 at 06:49 AM

FV

“ Carol

Gayle and I want to share our deepest sympathies and condolences to you and your family. We have just learned of Bill's death. We are currently in Florida or I would have considered it an honor to serve as an honor guard. Our prayers are with you all.

Frank Vilardo

Frank Vilardo - January 25, 2017 at 04:33 PM

LL

“ To: Carol and Family:

I was very sorry to hear about Bill's passing. I was employed with the Division of Forestry for over 43 years and lived at Fire Headquarters on Morgan-Monroe State Forest for several months in 1965-66. When Bill came to Morgan-Monroe I had transferred from "properties" to "private lands" forester in northeastern Indiana I would see and talk to Bill at meetings and conferences and we would talk about forestry topics and the state forest and the changes that took place there over the years. Just prior to his retirement Bill had an interest in the "private lands" forestry section and he and I talked about that. I know that he was interested in being an electrician upon retirement. He retired a year before I did. He was a good guy and a good forester. My sympathy to you and your family.

Larry Lichtsinn

Larry Lichtsinn - January 22, 2017 at 08:39 PM

SC

“ I was fortunate enough to work for 25-years just down the road from Bill at Morgan-Monroe State Forest. I worked at Fire Headquarters and thus Bill and I had a lot of interactions during that period of time. Bill also served as my first trainer after I joined the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry in 1975.

I am sorry for your loss. Bill was well respected within the forestry community and he served the Division of Forestry well. He will be missed. Please accept my condolences.

Steve Creech

Stephen Creech - January 22, 2017 at 07:18 PM

VJ

“ We offer our deepest sympathy to Carol and family. We will always cherish the meals we enjoyed together at Golden Corral. The laughter and talks were forever gifts shared by all of us in attendance. We are on Hilton Head and unable to be there to comfort you. You are all in our prayers. Hugs, Joe and Veronica Jachim

veronica jachim - January 22, 2017 at 06:11 PM



“ Lavender Dreams was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Morris Hahn.



January 21, 2017 at 09:12 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Morris Hahn.*



January 21, 2017 at 07:41 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Morris Hahn.*



January 21, 2017 at 09:26 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I have good memories of time spent together playing basketball and turtle fries at the house. These I cherish. I am currently in Florida otherwise I would be there.*
Harvey and Neta Garbison

Harvey Garbison - January 21, 2017 at 05:32 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Morris Hahn.*



January 21, 2017 at 12:12 AM



“ *Lavender Dreams was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Morris Hahn.*



January 20, 2017 at 11:37 PM



“ *Division of Forestry purchased the Healing Tears - Lavender and White for the family of William "Bill" Morris Hahn.*




Division of Forestry - January 20, 2017 at 12:31 PM



“ *Christine Coning purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – White for the family of William "Bill" Morris Hahn.*



Christine Coning - January 20, 2017 at 07:12 AM



Michael
Hahn

“ *It’s funny the things we remember at times like these and when I was thinking about my Dad this week my mind drifted back to a memory long ago (as I’m now 44), back to when I was probably about 8 to 10 years old.*

As was typical for most of us, when I was in elementary school there were always the occasional field trips that everyone looked forward to. Any time to get away from school was always a treat. I believe this field trip was a reward of some kind to our class as we had all behaved ourselves for some extended period of time or something like that.

The class had the opportunity to choose between going roller skating at the local rink in Bloomington or going to Spring Mill State Park for the day down in Mitchell, IN. About half of us in our class chose to spend the day at Spring Mill State Park while the others went roller skating.

Of course either trip would invoke a plea to the parents as chaperones would be needed...I don’t recall the exact discussion regarding the signing of the permission slip or asking if one or both of my parents would chaperone, but the permission slip was signed and my Dad volunteered to be a chaperone.

This was pretty cool as growing up he was literally Smokey Bear and on a couple of occasions showed up at our elementary schools in a Forest Service fire truck sometimes wearing the Smokey the Bear costume. As a kid that was the best. He also made appearances at the Indiana State Fair as Smokey Bear. As a guy that was 6’ 4” and 240 pounds he made the perfect Smokey Bear.

But back to the field trip to Spring Mill...so the day of the field trip arrives and we all board the buses at school and make the drive out to Spring Mill. I have clear recollections of the majority of the chaperones taking groups of the kids and trying to figure out what they wanted to do and “guiding” the “what they wanted to do part” to

something that would be fairly easy for themselves to do and or control...we were young energetic kids after all who were out of school for the day. Who knows what we would ask to do.

My Dad on the other hand simply said, "What do you guys want to do?" No limits were placed on us. The kids thought to themselves, "is he serious?" and finally someone tested his statement by saying "let's go hiking all over kingdom come"...my Dad's answer, "let's go!" It was the best. That's just how he was. He knew it was our day to do what we wanted and he let us do it. Of course he made sure we didn't injure ourselves or others, nor harass the wildlife, etc... and was just there to "keep an eye on us" as we hiked miles all over the place into and out of everything.

The perfect day and I still remember it clearly 35 year later. I took that idea that "it's not always about you" with me in life. That was my Dad.

Michael Hahn - January 19, 2017 at 10:43 PM


Jennifer
Conrad

“ *My favorite memories are the giant bon fires, and the awesome vine to swing on, and hanging out surrounded by nature.* ”



Jennifer Conrad - January 19, 2017 at 08:26 PM



“ *My favorite memory of great uncle Bill was the few times my parents, John & Vicky (Hahn) Duncan would take my sister and I to visit. Uncle Bill would spend hours walking with us through the forest and teaching us the different kinds of plants and animals. I grew a great love for the woods and forests because of him. Anytime, I find myself surrounded by nature, he will always be there with me.*

Shawna Duel - January 18, 2017 at 11:39 PM

DB

“ *Donna Brantley lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Morris Hahn*



Donna Brantley - January 18, 2017 at 08:50 PM

DB

For the family of William "Bill" Morris Hahn I will pray for strenght & comfort for U'all to get thru this on this day! Sincerely Donna J. Brantley

Donna Brantley - January 18, 2017 at 08:53 PM

JH

Rest in peace dear brother your sister Juanita .

Juanita Hichey - January 19, 2017 at 12:08 PM

PD

“ *Uncle Bill returning from leave in the navy and swinging into the yard at Grandma and Grandpa's house when we'd be visiting. We would drop everything to swarm all over him and smother him with love that was readily returned.*

Pamela Drebus - January 18, 2017 at 05:57 PM

PD

“ *You were the best Uncle ever and a blessing to all you touched with your life.*

*Love,
Pam & John*



Pamela Drebus - January 18, 2017 at 05:00 PM