



## William Joseph Spalding

March 16, 1976 - May 23, 2022

William Joseph Spalding, 46, of Bloomington, passed away on Monday, May 23, 2022 at the IU Health Bloomington Hospital after an extended illness. He was born on March 16, 1976 in Wichita, Kansas; the son of Stephen Joseph and Jeannie (Bolitho) Spalding. He was a 1994 graduate of Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was also a 1998 graduate of Indiana University where he received his Bachelor's degree in English, and in 2002 he graduated from Indiana University with his Law Degree.

William worked as a lawyer in Indianapolis for Hoover Hall Baker & Heath and then for Applegate McDonald and Koch in Bloomington. William then started his own practice, Spalding Law, in Bloomington in 2008.

William loved his three children more than anything in his life. He enjoyed watching his son Hud play hockey, and his daughter Sadie create art or play soccer, and he loved watching Colton learn from his older siblings. William was very athletic and loved running, playing basketball, baseball, hockey and golf. He enjoyed the Colts, Pacers, and Philadelphia Flyers, and he also loved spending time with family and friends. His laugh was contagious; he brought a spark of life wherever he went and many people will never forget that laugh.

He loved music and art and the written word, and he worshipped the chocolate glazed Crispy Crème donut. A blueberry bagel from the BBC would set his Sunday morning off right. He found joy in so many things in life.

William is survived by his three children, Hudson "Hud" Spalding and Sadie Mae Spalding both of Bloomington; Colton Spalding of Mitchell; his mother

Jeannie Spalding of Lakewood Ranch, FL; and his sister Amy (Brandon) Moore of Lakewood Ranch, FL. He was preceded in death by his father, Stephen Joseph Spalding.

No services are scheduled at this time, but later this summer there will be a Celebration of Life. Cremation Rites have been accorded.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pets Alive, a non-profit animal clinic in Bloomington.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Tribute Wall

AW

“ I just learned about Will's passing. H e was our hero when my husband, David. W. Wiley died. He was a true friend and hard worker. A Hoosier herio. So sorry for the loss of such a special father and huhusband.

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**Anna Wiley** - November 09, 2022 at 03:58 PM

KA

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I didn't know I knew Will, but when I recently saw an announcement for his memorial service from back in July in the local bar association facebook group, it had a picture of Will and I recognized him immediately. He is someone that I only observed in court on one occasion, but in that short time he made a big impression. Will was an attorney that I greatly admired and shared a story about with many young lawyers. It was only after his passing did I learn his name.

A couple times every year I take our law student interns over to the justice building to observe criminal initial hearings. I will never forget on one of those occasions I witnessed Will be a brave and shining light for fairness and due process. I didn't know his name at the time, but I did know that Monroe County was lucky to have him and that I found him quite admirable.

That day, a man had been brought up from jail on an OVWI charge. It wasn't his first one. The judge asked the man to enter a plea and the man said he wanted to plead guilty. Specifically, he said he wanted to plead guilty because he believed that meant he would be released from the jail and could return home. The judge on the bench started to accept this man's guilty plea - even though it was unlikely that he would be released from jail if he pleaded guilty. That day, I witnessed Will, who happened to be in the courtroom on an unrelated matter, step up to the bench and advocate for this man who wanted to waive his right to an attorney and in spite of the judge's willingness to accept the guilty plea. The judge barked at Will and really seemed to try to get him to butt out. Will firmly and respectfully asserted that this man would benefit from legal counsel prior to entering a plea and raised the issues of whether the plea about to be entered would be a knowing and voluntary plea. The exchange lasted a few minutes and I witnessed Will continue to be professional and zealous in his advocacy. It felt like a master class in how to be a wonderful attorney and person.

I want to share that with Will's family. Will was a blessing to our

*community and he was able to make a positive impact that rippled through our town. In the five or so minutes I watched him stand up for a defendant's criminal rights, he made a lasting impression and was an inspiration to me and my students.*

**Kathleen** - August 05, 2022 at 05:54 PM

JL

“ *That SMILE! That infectious smile, even at the last!*

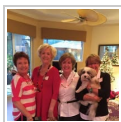
**jane layer** - June 01, 2022 at 08:53 AM

TG

“ *So many memories of my friend through the formidable years of my life. Lots of different types of memories with one thing in common: fun/laughter. He left and will continue to leave that mark in my brain which will make me smile for the rest of my life. Rest in peace buddy.*



**Trenton Gill** - May 31, 2022 at 08:43 PM



*Thank you Trent!!* ❤️❤️❤️

**Jeannie Spalding** - October 25, 2023 at 09:18 PM

MM

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Will's passing. Although I haven't seen Will in a few years, I recall fondly the times we were able to coach our sons together. Will helped make sure the coaching dads had as much fun as the kids. Our family sends deepest condolences to Hud, Sadie, Colt and all of Will's family.

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**Mike Mooney** - May 31, 2022 at 01:58 PM

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*Thank You soooo much!!!*

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**Jeannie Spalding** - May 31, 2022 at 08:44 PM

JH

“ Condolences to Will's family and friends. To Hud, Sadie and Colt - Will adored them. There are not enough words to give proper and full expression to what Will meant and means to the interesting and varied folks he encountered on his journey. Kind, loyal, curious, witty, funny - for sure. But so much more.

*Jay Hoffman, Franklin, IN*

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**Jay Hoffman** - May 31, 2022 at 09:23 AM

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*Thank You sooo much for your kind words.*

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**Jeannie Spalding** - May 31, 2022 at 08:43 PM