



William Joel Hunt

May 6, 1941 - July 28, 2020

William "Bill" Hunt, 79, of The Villages, Florida passed away on July 28, 2020. He was born in Akron, Ohio and was preceded in death by his mother, Emily Hunt, and his adoptive parents, Lawrence and Ethel Hunt.

He is survived by his wife Margie Raub Hunt and his sons, Brian of Cincinnati, OH; Todd of Oak Park, CA; and Mark (Chandler) of Greenville, SC. He had five grandchildren: Gage, Olivia, Tyler, Dylan, and Kathleen, and a great-granddaughter, Audrey Mae.

Bill was a very humble, devoted, and professional mathematics teacher in Ohio. He received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Akron, where he was proud to be the Vice-President of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. He received his master's degree in mathematics from Cleveland State University and an Educational Specialist degree (Ed.S.) from Kent State University.

Bill taught 30 years at Mayfield High School in Mayfield, Ohio. Because of his dedication to his students, his school, and the state of Ohio, he received numerous awards and proclamations.

Bill received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching personally from President Ronald Reagan in 1983. This was the first year that this award was given to one individual in each of the 50 United States. Bill became the President of CPAM, the national group of presidential awardees in mathematics, as well as, President of OCTM. Bill also received the Outstanding Alumni Award from Cleveland State University, the Tandy

Technology Scholar Award, and in 2016 the Greater Cleveland Mathematics Award for a "Lifetime of Mathematics Education."

In 1999, Bill and his wife, Margie, received the Christofferson-Fawcett Award, the top mathematics award in Ohio for "inspiration and devotion to education in mathematics." He and Margie worked together on numerous projects: editors of the Problem Solving section of the NCTM publication, *The Mathematics Teacher*; mathematics consultants for WVIZ projects, one of which received an Emmy; OCTM newsletter editors for 11 years; and executive directors for SSMA-all mathematics groups.

Besides teaching 30 years at Mayfield High School, he taught at Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland State University, and Kent State University. For 11 years he taught part-time at Mesifita, the Hebrew Academy in Cleveland.

Bill could never sit still. Among his part-time jobs, he did the following: sold real estate, sold Fuller Brush, was a Pinkerton guard; taught summer school in Hawaii; drove a 100 mile route to deliver the daily Geauga Leader newspaper in rural Geauga County; directed the Rolling-Y-Ranch for 60 teenagers and 48 horses (He was not really a rider, so he said he had to fake his riding ability).

After Bill's retirement from high school teaching, he taught mathematics to retired military personnel at John Carroll University.

Then, Bill discovered The Villages, and that is all he wanted. He moved to The Villages with Margie in 2000. In The Villages he learned to play golf and enjoyed many days golfing with dear friends. He also had an opportunity to play his beloved bridge again in the Village of Palo Alto. He belonged to the Palo Alto Club and planned a yearly golf scramble for members. He became President of the Educators Retired Club and a neighborhood representative for the VHA. He played in a monthly euchre group, a hand & foot group, a bunco group, and a weekly and monthly bridge group. He loved The Villages and was quite the salesman to others.

A funeral Mass will be in The Villages on Tuesday, August 11 at St. Timothy's

Church at 8:30 A.M. A celebration of life memorial service will be planned sometime in the future. Instead of flowers, please make donations to: The Children's Heart Foundation, 5 Revere Dr., One Northbrook Place, Suite 200, Northbrook, IL 60062-1500 or Allagille Syndrome Alliance, P.O. Box 22, Collierville, TN 38027.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL.

Tribute Wall

CP

“ *Mrs. Hunt,
I am truly sorry to hear about your husband's passing. He was so very genuine and such a joy to see when he visited our office. He will be truly missed.*
Cherrie Powell- Mid-Florida Prosthetics

Cherrie Powell - August 25, 2020 at 02:45 PM

DB

“ *Margie:
My deepest sympathy. I'm giving you a big hug electronically. God is with you, at your side. Know you're in my prayers and in my heart.*
Love ya.

DEBBIE BLUNSCHI - August 11, 2020 at 07:15 PM

KB

“ *My condolences to you and your family. While I only met Bill couple of times I was impressed by his upbeat nature and can do spirit.*
The obituary reflects a life well lived and accomplished. My thoughts are with you all at this most difficult time.

Kathleen C. Buckley - August 06, 2020 at 10:49 AM

SS

“ *Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Please accept our deepest sympathies.*

*Saunjula Staton
Cleveland State University*

Saunjula Staton - August 03, 2020 at 11:53 AM

JM

“ How can I find the right words to express the sadness I feel at the loss of such a wonderful, kind friend. I enjoyed so much the times I played golf with Bill, as there was always some kind of math lesson that presented itself. He was a blessing to everyone who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with Margie as she navigates this difficult time in her life. Though you will never get over this, you will get through it, Margie. I am truly sorry for your loss.....

Judy Miele - August 03, 2020 at 11:30 AM

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Judy Miele - August 03, 2020 at 11:28 AM

LS

“ We are in shock at the loss of our dear friend. It is our hope that the passage of time will heal the void created by his passing.

Linda & John Stene - August 03, 2020 at 09:03 AM

MD

“ So Sorry for your loss, Margie.
Thinking of you today.
God Bless,
Mike & Michele Ehret

Michele Dioguardo-Ehret - August 03, 2020 at 05:22 AM

CM

“ Bill lived a full active life. Wherever he went, he touched lives for good. Although he lost one of legs to diabetes, he did not let it get him down. He got a prosthetic and continued enjoying golf and other games with Margie and his friends. I will miss talking to him when I call Margie about Delta Kappa Gamma. I will miss his hilarious Christmas newsletter from him and Margie that always lifted your spirits and made you laugh and smile. Only eternity will tell the impact he had on his students, colleagues, friends and family.

Carolyn McGowan - August 02, 2020 at 11:04 PM

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Carolyn McGowan - August 02, 2020 at 11:00 PM

FB

“ The shock, heartbreak and loss of our dear neighbor Bill Hunt is impossible to put in words. The joy he brought into our lives can't be told in words. He continually amazed us with his sense of humor, his immense knowledge, his desire to be of service in so many ways. Not often is one blessed with the gift of friendship with another like Bill Hunt.

"reCaptcha"

fred blake and Shirley Blake - August 02, 2020 at 09:10 PM

LB

“ Margie,
Jerry and I are deeply sorry for your loss. You are very special to us. If you need us for anything please let us know and we will be there for you. You are a special person that we have the honor to call our friend.

God Bless you and give you the strength to get through this time of loss.

Lillian and Jerry Burcham

Lillian and Jerry Burcham - August 02, 2020 at 06:47 PM

HT

“ *HE WILL BE MISSED , STILL IN SHOCK
HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL ON THE GOLF COURSE*

Harold Tindall - August 02, 2020 at 06:23 PM

JL

“ Margie,
I was so sorry to read about Bill's death. Know that you are in my thoughts especially at this time. Please take care.

Johnny

Johnny W. Lott - August 01, 2020 at 10:42 PM