



William "Bill" McDevitt

December 24, 1940 - August 12, 2020

Bill "Buster" McDevitt, 79, born Christmas Eve 1940 in Cedar Brook, New Jersey to William Joseph McDevitt, Sr. and Helen McDevitt Spencer, passed away August 12, 2020 in Ocala, Marion County, Florida. Bill was very athletic in his youth. After graduation from Glassboro High School, Glassboro, NJ he received a football scholarship to attend Catawba College, in Salisbury, NC where he was the star quarterback. His love of sports then led him to a lifetime career of teaching and coaching at several schools. He coached at Appalachian State University, Boone, NC, North Marion High School, Citra, FL, Hawthorne High School, Hawthorne, FL, Johnson County High School, Mountain City, TN and Dunnellon High School, Dunnellon, FL. He then retired and he and Joanne spent their time between their cabin in Mountain City and their farm in Citra. He was preceded in death by both parents, sisters Helen Seppy and Sheila Baynes and his loving wife Joanne Hagan McDevitt. Bill is survived by his brother James McDevitt, sister Mary Bill, sons, Dusty McDevitt, Tim Hagan, Chris Hagan, daughter Jeanne Hagan and seven grandchildren. Honoring the family's wishes there will be a celebration of life ceremony to be set at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ This is Bruce. Your dad was a natural at helping people feel welcome and comfortable. He was a master at making a story interesting and humorous. When he was in the room, everyone wanted to be in his presence. I never heard a bad word about him. He was one of my dads best friends for at least half a century. I know others would say the same. About a dozen years ago my kids came back from a week in Mountain City, and couldn't wait to tell me about "hoop snakes". That is a legendary story he told me when I was a young kid visiting at the cabin in Boone. I can speak for my whole family when I say that any mention of your dad will bring a smile to our faces. He was an original. I know he is in heaven, I and can only hope that I will see him again.

Bruce Bill - August 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ He was an amazing man! He will be missed by many. Thoughts , prayers & hugs to the whole family ! Miss you poppopA memorial tree was planted in the memory of William "Bill" McDevitt -

Love Brenda Nichols Danielson & Steve Danielson - August 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ All that had the opportunity to know or meet my father knew he was a loving, caring man. He truly was a one of a kind that cared deeply for friends, family and youth of all ages. He devoted untold hours teaching and mentoring many young men and woman on how to become responsible and hard working individuals. His coaching and teaching was much more than just the classes they were taking or the sports they were playing, it was directing them and guiding them on how to live life and succeed. My father saw the potential and goodness in everyone and had the uncanny knack to make them see that, to better themselves and strive to succeed in all that they set out to achieve. My father absolutely was my idol! I know I will never be able to fill the shoes Dad walked in but will work tirelessly to try. He showed me and taught me what it takes to be a father, a grandfather, a man and a friend. To all that new the man I am speaking of, I would be honored for you to add a message of how your life was touched by this great man. I will forever miss my best friend and father. God Bless!

Dusty McDevitt - August 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM