



Dr. William "Bill" H. Martin Ph.D

March 20, 1947 - November 21, 2021

Dr. William "Bill" H. Martin, Ph. D, 74, of Zanesville, died Sunday, November 21, 2021, at Genesis Hospital following a sudden illness. Dr. Martin was born March 20, 1947, in Zanesville, the son of John K. Martin and Peggy (Sams) Martin. He married Catherine "Cathy" A. (Rodocker) Martin who survives.

Something worth doing is worth overdoing. This is the sentence we regularly used to describe Bill.

A drink never went unfinished

A smoke never went out

Books were everywhere, and never unread

Food was rarely turned away (unless it was rice)

Music was never listened to quietly. In fact, nothing about Bill was quiet.

Why buy one fountain pen when you can buy 83? Why eat one handful of peanuts when the bag is still full? Why own one notebook when 35 seems more appropriate? Why watch one horrible tv show when there are so many horrible TV shows to watch? And why give one hug or kiss when there are so many to give?

Bill enjoyed life. He celebrated excess. He loved his daily routine. But he loved nothing more than his family.

Coffee and toast in bed for Cathy, his wife of 50+ years, was the norm. Every meal she made “was great” (even though it wasn’t). He worried when she left the house, and greeted her when she returned. If Cathy was in the room, there was a pretty good chance Bill was nearby.

His kids could do no wrong.

John Nathan (Sandra Wong)
Aaron Patrick (Mandi Weiser)
Sarah Kathleen
Rachel Elizabeth (Brad Dillon)

He was proud of everything they did and always had questions for them about work, life and everything in between. For Bill, there was nothing better than the occasions that brought all of his kids home.

The true apples of Bill’s eyes, his four granddaughters.

Madeline Scarlett
Margaret Josephine
Savannah Grayce
Annabelle Sophia (his cupcake)

When you looked on the dresser by his bed; or in his wallet; or in closed boxes, you didn’t find cash or jewelry...you found pictures of the girls or pictures or cards they made for PaPa.

So yes, something worth doing is worth overdoing, especially loving your family and the life you’ve created -- which is what Bill did every day. We were lucky to have him, and will certainly miss him. Have one for Bill today -- or

indulge in some excess -- he would have loved it.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:30 AM, Friday, November 26, 2021, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 925 East Main Street, Zanesville, with Fr. Martin J. Ralko as celebrant. To sign the online guestbook please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com. For more information about Bill's family, feel free to visit his ancestry page: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/168100949/person/292185358474/story>

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

NOV **26**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church
925 Main St.
Zanesville, OH

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. William "Bill" H. Martin Ph.D*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *Dear Cathy and family. First, Wow! What an awesome and loving tribute to a very energetic man. Not just a snap shot but a short story of who he was and how family, friends, and the important things made him happy. Cathy, I am so sorry to learn of his passing. Even with your sorrow, please smile for all the great happenings with him.*

Love and Prayers,

Denise Hamric - December 01, 2021 at 12:28 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss Cathy and family . You are all in my thoughts and prayers*

Sheri Whiteman - November 25, 2021 at 07:02 AM



*Dear Cathy, Nathan, Aaron, Sarah, Rachel, grandkids, and family ~ Please accept our heartfelt condolences on your sudden loss. I always enjoyed conversing with Bill back in the day, while I was teaching at St. Nicholas. Sending prayers for your comfort in this sad time.
Patty Miller*

Mark and Patty Miller - December 05, 2021 at 12:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Bill" H. Martin Ph.D.*



November 24, 2021 at 03:12 PM



“ *Rick and I have known Bill for over 60years (High school and college). He was one of four room mates so we were up close with his crazy antics and infectious laugh, glasses worn lower on his nose, a pipe near by and a flurry of “bad words” when he was upset. Cathy, Nathan, Aaron, Sarah, Rachel and family, please accept our heartfelt condolences. We love you ❤️.*

Rick and Janet Bland - November 24, 2021 at 09:14 AM



“ *Have a lot of memories of u being my big brother,Rip Bill.!*

Melanie roberts - November 23, 2021 at 08:21 PM



“ *Aaron,Cathy and family, So sorry to hear of the passing of Bill. What a great guy he was. We are praying for comfort and peace for all of you. Whit and Beth Parks*

Whit Parks - November 23, 2021 at 08:20 PM

MH

“ Life always became electric in your presence. I enjoyed having passionate discussions with you and hearing your contagious laugh. You never shied away from telling me exactly what he thought about anything and I respected you for that. The world has lost a brilliant man. I would say rest easy but I know you will be busy having many heated philosophical discussions throughout the realm. Even though I didn't get to see you often, the times I did left permanent impressions and I chuckle when I think about you.

Megan Huey - November 23, 2021 at 07:41 PM

JM

“ I worked with Bill for many years. I can tell you I know family was very important to him. I remember him taking off work to spend a birthday day with the kids. He made work fun. I loved his sense of humor. Bill never held back, you knew what he was thinking....He had a great laugh and laughed often. He was one of a kind. A true gem. Condolences to his family....

Jan Mercer - November 23, 2021 at 07:19 PM

LM

“ So very sorry for your loss.

Lydia Monsour - November 23, 2021 at 06:51 PM

MW

“ We only recently met Bill a year ago when we moved to the neighborhood. I enjoyed a friendly alley chat with him about the weather-their beautiful yard-or his sweet cat, Peaches. Sending thoughts and prayers to Cathy and the entire family. We are so sorry their deep loss. —Melissa Wood

Melissa Wood - November 23, 2021 at 05:41 PM

TT

“ *Cat and family, It was a pleasure knowing Bill. We always had some laughs when we met. When in town I would always see Bill at Ross Service where we would always talk about our kids and spouses. He would always have a piece of the Kringle that I would bring for John. Take care Cat and you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. RIP Bill.*

Terry and Suzann Toll - November 23, 2021 at 04:41 PM

MQ

“ *As a neighbor that lived across the street from us for 50 years, he had a zest for life that will be missed by the Quinns. Love to Cathy and the kids.*

margaret quinn - November 23, 2021 at 03:06 PM

BK

“ *Sarah, as you well know Karissa loved being around your simply honest Dad. Our prayers are with you and your loved ones in this moment of deep loss. Love Christine and Bill Kolopajlo*

bill kolopajlo - November 23, 2021 at 02:32 PM