



William Sunday

November 21, 1946 - October 27, 2019

William Edward (Bill) Sunday passed away peacefully October 27 at Consulate Health Care after a sudden decline in health.

Bill was born in Derry, Pennsylvania, on November 21, 1946, to Harold Edward Sunday and Marie (Stidfole) Sunday and was welcomed by two sisters. The family moved from Lewistown, PA, to Sarasota in 1950. Bill attended Riverview

High School where he played football and baseball for the Rams, graduating in 1964. He earned a football scholarship to Maryville (TN) College and played one year before returning to Sarasota.

Bill went to work for the “phone company” (GTE/Verizon) as an accomplished field technician. But his passion was still football. He began coaching as an assistant to his father, Harold, with the Ringling Redskins. He then joined Mike Dowling’s staff at Cardinal Mooney High School. And finally served as Defensive Coordinator at Booker High School, where he also worked as a Resource Officer. He was a lifelong Florida State fan and was proud to have the war chant as his phone ringtone.

Bill loved working with young people and his four children, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren were the loves of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Sondra Cowsert, and his nephew John T. Cowsert.

He is survived by his children Debbie Dowd of Helena, AL, Donna Skelton of Marmaduke, AR, Billy Sunday (Becca) of Ft Worth, TX, and Shannon Ortiz

(Raul) of Palm City, FL; his sister Nancy Sunday (Nancy) of Sarasota; his grandchildren (Jessica, Joshua, Rebecca, Amanda, Zachary, Eli, Caleb, Ian and Luca); his great-grandchildren (Maddie, Jeremiah, and Edith); his nieces (Susie and Bonnie) and nephews (Troupers and Ron) and their families.

A Memorial Service will be held at Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services, 135 N. Lime Ave. Sarasota Florida on October 30, 2019 from 2-4 PM.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **30**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Sunday*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *William Sunday*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Billy's passing. Became friends in the 8th grade at Riverview & through high school. Soon met the "Kensington Park" kids. Debbie, Tom, Wayne, Jim, Craig, Jimmy, so many it seemed, as Junior high rolled on. Baseball in summer at Payne Park, our wonderful Coach Susce, jr. high football, HS baseball. Lots of rules! So many memories from Riverview years. Loved seeing Billy at our 50th reunion and so many old friends. He will be remembered and missed. Love to his family. Cindy Long Kuntz Evans*

Cindy Evans - October 31, 2019 at 10:53 AM



“ *Coach Billy Sunday was a blessing to many young men that he coached and mentored. I will always cherish the time we spent together at Booker High School as he help start me with my coaching career in 1994. He will be missed. Rest in Peace!*

Coach Leroy Ryals (BHS 1990 - 2000).

Leroy Ryals - October 30, 2019 at 09:19 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of William Sunday.*



October 29, 2019 at 08:26 PM



“ *Julie Hanson, Lynn Elliott, and Isabelle Lessard. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William Sunday.*



Julie Hanson, Lynn Elliott, and Isabelle Lessard. - October 29, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of William Sunday.*



October 29, 2019 at 09:34 AM



“ *Bill had an old Jeep when he lived out in Cowee that didn't run very well. When he was able to coax it to life, we would go mountain climbing in it and pray it would run long enough to get back home.*

Suzu Buckner - October 28, 2019 at 08:30 PM