



William Edward Brockmeier, Jr. PhD

September 18, 1934 - November 17, 2011

William Edward Brockmeier, Jr., died Thursday in his home in Buckhorn.

He could not let a controversy go undiscussed, a favorite poem unheard, or the underdog undefended.

Bill grew up in Crocker, the son of Bill Brockmeier Senior and Virginia Portner.

After graduating from Central Missouri State, Bill taught high school English in Warrensburg, Crocker, and Mexico. He went on to get a PhD in educational psychology from the University of Nebraska and spent much of his career in that state, working first as Director of Education at the Beatrice State Home and later as Director of Special Education in Kearney. For two years in the 70s, he taught at Drury College. For two years in the early 80s Bill was a counselor in the American School in La Paz, Bolivia. In the 90s he returned to Missouri to be close to his mother.

Bill's wife, Sue Ellen (Stewart) Brockmeier, was at his side when he died.

He is survived by his wife; his mother, Virginia; his sister, Joan Wyant of Rolla; his daughters, Emily and Gretchen; and his granddaughter, Eliza Miller.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Vernon "Bud"

Brockmeier.

Bill was particularly fond of the Good Samaritan Resource Center on Highway 66 in Waynesville. We ask that any donations made in his name be sent to that center at P.O. Box 4177, Waynesville, MO 65583.

Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 20, 2011 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory with Bernard Houlehan officiating. Soloist Jennifer Houlehan sang "Oh Perfect Love" and Pianist Lisa Schwandt played "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring". Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Edward Brockmeier, Jr. PhD*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Bill and I became good friends while I managed at Good Sam. At Christmas, when I was scraping up some bonus money for the employees, he matched what I had. He truly had a big heart and I will miss him.##imported-begin##Jim Mathews##imported-end##*

November 27, 2011 at 08:46 PM



“ *Sue Ellen,
Mr. Brockmeier was my English teacher at Crocker High School. He would sit on a desk while teaching the class. He asked the difficult questions making us think. When my sister and I were attending UCM, we were welcomed into your home in Warrensburg to enjoy a home cooked meal. What a kind gesture.*

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November 21, 2011 at 11:30 PM



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November 21, 2011 at 11:27 PM



“ *My fondest memory of Bill was at the antique mall where he and Sue has a booth. I was tricked by a co-worker to ask Bill what a "Hillbilly" was. Well the response I was expecting was "You are". But anyone that knows Bill, knows that 2 word answers are not Bill's style. Instead, to my surprise sparked a very lenthly explanation of at least 30 minutes, to which I still dont remember much of, But Bill could have told me again probably almost word for word. We had a lot of fun there with Bill, and I must add that he was probably one of the most intelligent individuals I have ever had the priviledge of knowing. The Mall will never be the same without you Bill. We will miss you very much, we all relyed on you for your knowledge in glassware and other antiques so much. Not to mention that humor that always seemed to be with you. Rest in peace my friend, you have left a mark on everyone you met, that we will never forget...##imported-begin##Jerry Miller##imported-end##*

November 20, 2011 at 08:30 PM



“ Sue Ellen - I will always remember our times at auctions. I have the East Lake buffet you sold when you sold your business. Brock was always an insperation and I enjoyed his knowledge of antiques. My prayer are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Mary Ann Osborne##imported-end##

November 19, 2011 at 10:46 PM



“ Will miss you Mr. Brockmeier ,you were a very good teacher &I will always remember your class at Crocker High.##imported-begin##Audrey Ellis##imported-end##

November 19, 2011 at 09:30 PM



“ We always looked forward to visiting with Bill. He could talk about any subject that was brought up. Our love and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Dickie and Joan Bales##imported-end##

November 19, 2011 at 02:20 PM



“ With sincerest sympathy from the Struempf family to the Brockmeier family.##imported-begin##Glen Struempf##imported-end##

November 19, 2011 at 01:17 PM



“ Tom and I both remember Mr. Brockmeier from our days from Crocker High School. He was an inspiration to both of us as we pursued careers in education. I will NEVER forget our play, "Headin' for a Weddin' " that he supervised and made sure went off without a hitch!###imported-begin##Tom and Susan (Glawson) Neal###imported-end##

November 19, 2011 at 01:04 PM



“ hope u are in a better place watchin down on ur daughter rip kim###imported-begin##kim###imported-end##

November 19, 2011 at 02:49 AM



“ May you rest in peace now Bill. We'll miss you.###imported-begin##Louisa Runnalls###imported-end##

November 18, 2011 at 11:46 PM



“ Sue, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. We sure enjoyed knowing Bill. He was a great man and we wish we had the "right" words to ease your mind. Sincerely, Jim and Dorothy###imported-begin##Jim and Dorothy Skaggs###imported-end##

November 18, 2011 at 05:53 PM



“ After many years of teaching with Bill, I will miss that sharp wit. He was one of a kind and will be sorely missed by his friends. Sue, My deepest condolences and thoughts are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Luge Hardman##imported-end##

November 18, 2011 at 04:37 PM



“ Bill was a great, intelligent, caring individual. I enjoyed working with him when he was with the Waynesville school system.##imported-begin##Larry Goforth##imported-end##

November 18, 2011 at 11:37 AM



“ Bill was a man that made you think. He made me ponder things many time. Even though we did not see things thru the same lenses, we were friends. Sue, Emily and Gretchen, I know in my heart, your Dad and husband is sitting in heaven having a discussion with Jesus. Thank you for sharing him with us. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Tim ##imported-end##

November 17, 2011 at 05:51 PM