

William Grimm



Mr. William Christian Grimm, 60, went home to Christ on June 21, 2011. A memorial service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. James United Methodist Church.

Bill was born on June 20, 1951, and raised in Lansdale, Pa. He received his primary education at Lansdale Catholic School and later attended Montgomery Community College in Pennsylvania. His passion and enjoyment for sports led him to interactions with the sports training staffs of numerous entities in the Philadelphia sports scene in the 1970s, including the Flyers, 76ers, and Phillies. Such interactions led him into a lifetime of sports and physical training for athletes of all ages and ranges.

Bill married his beautiful wife Cindy in 1981 and had two beloved children before moving to Greenville in 1990. It was here that he formed countless friendships and bonds during his work as the athletic trainer at North Pitt, DH Conley, and JH Rose High schools for the next 20 years. No person, no request, and no amount of time were an inconvenience to Bill. He gave of himself always at all times and never asked for anything in return. Anyone who ever met him was quick to receive his loving smile and a quick joke or quip. His love of Christ was present at all times, and he loved attending church with his family. He especially enjoyed the fellowship and serving with his Men's Bible Study at St. James UMC, serving as the UMM President at one point. He also enjoyed extensive roles with the Michael Jordan Golf Classic, the NCHSAA Basketball Regionals in Greenville, and the Dream Factory. In 2007, Bill was given the Braveheart Award by the NCHSAA in recognition for his tireless work for amateur athletes and successful fight against cancer. No distinction or award compared to his greatest accomplishments as a Christian husband, brother, father, and grandfather. His life will continue here through the family he loved, the students he nurtured, and in the love and caring that rests in the heart of every person who ever met him.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents William and Mary Grimm and sister, Susan Grimm. He is survived by his wife, Cindy; his sister, Peggy and husband, Dale Benner, of Lansdale, Pa.; brother, Michael and wife of Lansdale, Pa.; daughter, Jaimee and husband, Charlie Martin, of Greenville; son, Joel Christian and wife, Catherine, of New Bern; grandchildren, Cole, Lilly and Christian; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Wilkerson Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the [American Cancer Society](#) or [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#) .

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