



Wilfred "Bill" Dreiling

January 1, 1930 - February 20, 2013

Wilfred "Bill" Dreiling, 82, of Topeka KS passed away Fri. Feb. 15, 2013 in Topeka KS. He was born Mar. 10, 1930 in Victoria KS to Anselm and Hermelena (Leiker) Dreiling. Bill joined the Army in 1951 where he served in Korea; he was awarded the Korean service medal with two bronze stars, the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantry Badge. On Feb. 18, 1952 Bill married Rita Denning at the Cathedral of the Plains in Victoria KS. In 1955 Bill and Rita moved to Topeka, where he received his Master's of Education at Washburn University. Bill was a teacher for six years and a principal for 27 years for the Topeka Public School District. He retired in 1991. Bill was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Disabled American Veterans, and Retired Principals. Survivors include his wife, Rita Dreiling; daughters, Lena (Steve) Schwarm, Olathe KS, Anita (Mike) Curry and Melissa (Brad) Miller, both of Topeka KS; grandchildren, Stephanie Curry, Spencer Curry, Zachary Miller, and Benjamin Miller; sisters, Hedwig Matthews of Arizona, Blanche King of Texas, and Mary Bacchus of Virginia. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers; Othmar, Daniel and Gilbert and sister, Lioba Lewis. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Wed., Feb. 20, 2013, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Private inurnment will take place at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels or Grace Hospice sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilfred "Bill" Dreiling*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Daddy, xoxox*

mmiller - April 22, 2015 at 09:35 PM



“ *Dear Rita and Family, Bill was a strong willed, highly educated man with a great sense of humor. His high standards for life and justice, gained him respect for his stand for integrity and truth. He knew how to exhort and praise in very special ways, bringing the best out of everyone. He made himself available to help when he could because he cared so deeply. I was so pleased to be present at his funeral mass. It too was extraordinary steeped in traditoinal values and brought back many fond memories that I had the privilege to share with him. May the presence of love be with you now, Rita, and with your family at this time of great sorrow and loss. May your faith and trust in the Lord sustain you and bring you peace. Please let me know how we can help when you are ready. Blessings, Alana Wilson Banka*

Alana Wilson - February 25, 2013 at 07:14 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Love is eternal. My parents, Bill and June Horn spoke of Bill often. Bill was a great fishing buddy for dad too. Anita, you and I taught together at HP South.*

Connie Brunton - February 19, 2013 at 09:22 AM

JA

“ *Bill Drieling gave me my first opportunity in the field of education and I have always been grateful to him for that. As my first principal at Belvoir he supported me in tough situations but also pointed out my weaknesses, which helped me to grow and become a better educator. It was during the time we worked together that I decided to continue my education and move into the field of educational administration.*

The last time I saw him was at a reception at Lundgren before it's closing. He and I had both had the great opportunity of being the principal at Lundgren. We shared great memories at that meeting. Rita, I know you have been a wonderful supportive wife. Anita, I loved talking to you about your father. You will miss him, but know he made a difference in the world...including in my life.

Sincerely, Janetta Araiza

Janetta Araiza - February 18, 2013 at 10:50 PM

FY

“ *Dear Rita, Lena and all of Bill's family, our prayers and thoughts are with you at this sad, yet blessed time. I enjoyed all the years of working with Bill, he was a true educational leader. I am sure you can be proud that Bill will be remembered as a highly respected person who cared and tried to do his best in all aspects of life. Rita, I was coworker with you and Lena I remember your student years...what a great family..God Bless Bill. Sincerely,
Dr. Frank and Sharon Ybarra*

Frank Ybarra - February 18, 2013 at 03:43 PM

SS

“ Dear Dreiling Family,
Steve and I are so sad to hear about your dad's passing. I had the privilege of teaching with him many years ago. He touched so many lives during his career. Lena, I am so glad we got to "neighbor", you and Steve are such a joy. We miss you! Our hearts go out to you during this difficult time. Lena, you are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you!

susan stillie - February 18, 2013 at 11:53 AM

BS

“ Anita and family,

I was sorry to hear of your father's passing. My prayers and sympathy are with you and your family. Losing a parent is so very difficult. Many blessings! Barb Shipman

Barb Shipman - February 18, 2013 at 10:42 AM

LV

“ Dear Dreiling Family,

I wish to express my sympathy to Rita, Wilfred's children and his sisters.

While attending FHSU I had the opportunity to meet Wilfred and Rita at his parents home near Victoria.

His parents were wonderful, thoughtful people as are all the Dreiling family members.

Bill as I remember was an outstanding educator in the Topeka school system and was highly thought of by other administrators. It was always great to visit with him at educational meeting from time to time.

Thank you, for the joy of knowing this fine wonderful man.

Loyal "Corky" Vincent

Loyal A. Vincent - February 18, 2013 at 12:11 AM

TL

“ *Lena: I'm praying for you and your family. I was so sad to hear about your dad's passing. I'm sorry I never met him but I know he must have been very special to raise a daughter like you. Many blessing! Love, Tommie Lewis*

Tommie Lewis - February 17, 2013 at 03:35 PM

LB

“ Dear Rita, I'm so sad to hear about Bill. He was not only my classmate but also my cousin. He was also such a "nut" in school--but what fun we all had. Prayers are going to Heaven for him, you and your family. May God Bless you Always

Lou (Dreiling) Bowman - February 17, 2013 at 12:20 PM