



William Zoller May Jr.

July 11, 1930 - April 9, 2013

William Zoller May Jr.

On April 9, 2013, William Zoller May Jr., age 82, of Franklin Park, husband of Nancy May; father of Cora May, William May III & Robert May; grandfather of Stanford & Barrett Buckowich & Brandon Weidwald; brother of John May. Bill was a long time Teacher, Guidance Counselor and Swim Coach at North Allegheny High schools. Friends received Friday, 2 - 4 & 7 - 9 pm at Simons Funeral Home, Inc., 7720 Perry Highway. Memorial Service on Saturday, 1:00 pm, in Ingomar United Methodist Church, 1501 West Ingomar Rd. Contributions may be made to Grove City College, North Allegheny Swim Teams or Animal Friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Simons Funeral Home, Inc.
7720 Perry Highway
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
(412) 367-3100
<https://www.simonsfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

APR 12. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Ingomar United Methodist Church
1501 W Ingomar Rd,
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
<http://ingomarchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Zoller May Jr.*



Simons Funeral Home - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Simons Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of William Zoller May Jr.*



Simons Funeral Home - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *I want to share how wonderful it is to come back to visit Dad through this Tribute Wall and the videos. A visit at the grave brings a solemn peace to a person. However, reading the tributes, seeing and hearing the words of people and the memories in the pictures really conveys wonderful memories into my heart and makes me feel closer to a Dad so missed.*

Cora May - October 15, 2013 at 09:32 AM

GW

“ To Mrs. May, Cora, Billy, & Bobby: (shows how long I've know you!) So sorry to hear of Mr. May's passing. He always held a special place in my Mother's heart! My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Tears will turn to smiles again soon as you remember how great a life he had and how many he touched along the way.

George "Chip" Wanner - May 17, 2013 at 08:38 PM

JH

“ I always looked forward to Bill's return to Kilworthy and Sparrow Lake. He always brightened up may day as did his Mother and Aunt. You surely will be missed Bill

Ron & Jude Hutchinson
Kilworthy Ontario

Jude Hutchinson - May 02, 2013 at 01:37 PM

JM

“ JW Chicago Marriott purchased the Yellow & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of William Zoller May Jr..



JW Chicago Marriott - April 12, 2013 at 11:45 AM

CH

“ My sincere condolences on William's passing, I'm sure he was a great person and dog lover. Sometimes when someone we love dies, we wonder if all life offers, is death at the end. at Matthew 22:31,32 God said "I'm the God of the living" He was speaking of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob as if they were living, even though they had been dead more than 300 yrs. Indicating that the resurrection hope, is sure to b filled, by means of Gods kingdom where both the righteous & unrighteous will be resurrected. Acts 24:15, Rev 21:3,4

cheryl - April 12, 2013 at 07:49 AM

BW

“ So many memories from a man who was a large part of my life for many years. As a young child taking swim lessons at NASH, I first knew him as the “swim lesson” boss. Later, in high school, he was my kind and encouraging diving coach and lifeguard supervisor. From that point on, he was always “Mr. May”, someone who I always considered an “older” friend. Some of my favorite memories that I’ve recalled over the past few days; ice cream sundae excursions to Friendly’s with other divers, swimmers or lifeguards.... breakfasts at the State College “Ye Olde College Diner” during State Diving competitions (always with the famous sticky buns for dessert)countless diving practices and Saturday afternoon lifeguard shifts at NASH that rarely went without several laughs or good stories. To this day, whether departing for minutes or months, I still tell people “see you in a little bit”, a phrase I know I picked up from Mr. May. Such a good man with great impact on so many lives. Rest in Peace, Mr. May.

Brian Wright - Wexford, PA

Brian Wright - April 12, 2013 at 07:38 AM

SC

“ *Sharyn & Bill King, Bracebridge, ON, Can lit a candle in memory of William Zoller May Jr.*



Sharyn & Bill King, Bracebridge, ON, Can - April 12, 2013 at 07:34 AM

KA

“ *Kathryn Adams purchased the Multicolor Bright Large Sympathy Vase Arrangement for the family of William Zoller May Jr..*



Kathryn Adams - April 11, 2013 at 06:53 PM

MW

“ *Mike Wiese purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of William Zoller May Jr..*



Mike Wiese - April 11, 2013 at 04:31 PM

DG

“ *Mr May - so many memories from NASH pool to write in one spot. You touched many lives and made a difference to so many people.*

You will be missed...but you live in the hearts of the students you worked with over the years.

DAG

Denise Scharding Grdnic - April 11, 2013 at 04:14 PM

DG

“ *Denise Scharding Grdnic lit a candle in memory of William Zoller May Jr.*



Denise Scharding Grdnic - April 11, 2013 at 04:12 PM

KW

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Ken Walborn - April 11, 2013 at 12:22 PM

KW

Sympathy from a neighbor from Saxonburg. Ken (Sonny) Walborn. Bill front and center. His parents on the right with John to their right. Includes the Walborn's, Kliber's and Colman's.

Ken Walborn - April 11, 2013 at 02:25 PM

IT

William Zoller May, Jr., Edna Walborn. Kenny Walborn, William Zoller May, Duse May. Sandra Walborn.

ida tafel - April 17, 2013 at 12:26 PM

FT

“ I can hardly believe that our beloved friend and neighbour has left us. It is the end of an era at Sparrow Lake. To be there, and not hear Bill's voice yelling "hello" over the fence, to not hear the slam of his screen door, to not see him go off for his morning walk with the dogs ... it will never be the same.

Bill was always there to lend a hand, and was kind and generous with his time to assist us with cutting our grass when we weren't there. It was comforting to know that Bill was there when we weren't, to keep an eye on the place.

Bill was especially kind to us when Don died. Our family's close relationship with Bill's family will continue, and the memory of Bill will be in our hearts always.

Rest in peace, dear friend.

Eve Toms

Oakville, Ontario, Canada.

Fiona Toms - April 11, 2013 at 11:46 AM

JM

“ My finest and closest fishing companion has made his last cast. For sixty-six years Bill and I shared laughter, heartaches, stories and caught our fair share of fish from Sparrow Lake and the Severn River. Our escapades would fill a book but my most cherished memory is of a man who was compassionate and caring towards all Bill always had a twinkle in his eye when he informed you that " he was doing a little of this or that" Fishing was Bill's passion and without him any trips I may take down the river will seem very empty. Bill, you epitomize the expression that "a true friend is one who reaches for your hand and touches your heart" Rest assured that the footprints you have left on my heart shall ever be erased.

Jim and Jackie Morrison and Family.

James Morrison - April 11, 2013 at 09:41 AM

FT

“ Bill was such an integral part of our summers at the cottage on Sparrow Lake. Each visit, we'd pull down the driveway, looking over to see if his truck was there, and be glad if it was! Often, we wouldn't even unpack the car, before heading over to say hello, and grab a hug. Bill's presence meant summer at the lake had begun ... and he was always the last person we'd say goodbye to, as well.

We will all miss him terribly. Our two boys, Andrew and Iain, grew up knowing Bill would always have some good advice for them ... be it what kind of lure to use to catch those elusive fish, or which team was going to win the Stanley Cup that year! For a few consecutive summers, the three of them even had a special call that they'd holler out between the cottages to one another ... if you heard it, you had to reply! I'm sure Bill was woken up far too early some mornings by his overly-enthusiastic young "team members", as he'd call them.

Chris and I will miss our times spent chatting with him, catching the breeze on the porch, and hearing about memories he had of Chris' dad, Don Toms. Often we'd play *The Ink Spots* (a favourite of both Don and Bill), and turn up the volume just loud enough for Bill to hear over in his cottage ... and we were guaranteed a visit from our neighbour in a matter of minutes!

Bill, you will always be with us when we are at Sparrow Lake. Late afternoons, we will always imagine seeing you take your daily swim (in those infamous swim shorts!), and each Canada Day, we will think of you at the Kilworthy celebrations selling raffle tickets!

We know the fishing will be good, wherever you are!

Chris, Fiona, Andrew and Iain Toms
Oakville, Ontario, Canada

Fiona Toms - April 11, 2013 at 08:58 AM



“ *Eternal Grace was purchased for the family of William Zoller May Jr..*



April 10, 2013 at 08:30 PM



“ *There is sadness in our hearts today as we learn of the passing of our fabulous neighbor and friend. Bill played with my dad as youngsters at Sparrow Lake , and we grew up with his constant presence whenever we were at the cottage. As us kids grew older, we grew to love his constant smile, his freshly baked pies, his endless fishing stories, his ripped shorts hanging on the line and allowing us to come over and watch : "cable tv" since we didn't have a tv at our cottage!*

My favorite Bill memory is from a few years ago when he helped us celebrate Canadian Thanksgiving. A few of us neighbors (6 of us or so) would get together and contribute towards the dinner, and this year, Bill was in charge of potatoes. He was VERY late for dinner, which wasn't normal for him, but when he arrived, he was carrying a HUGE pot. He had prepared the whole 10lb bag of potatoes and it took him longer than expected to mash them! I think we all ate a really big helping of potatoes that year and probably had them for leftovers for a whole week!

We will miss waving to him from our porch and hearing about his latest catch. I hope he finds my dad wherever he is and says "hello" from all of us! (or at least cast a fishing line together).

*Kathryn, Kevin, Meagan, and Cameron Adams
Goderich, Ontario, Canada*

Kathryn Adams - April 10, 2013 at 03:58 PM

BI

“ *Bill,
Today brings us much sadness but also reminds us of the many wonderful memories that we have shared together. You have been such an amazing person in my life and my children's lives. I will never forget picking tons of berries with you at the lake and then making homemade jam and pies together. I will miss your voice after your morning walks with your dog when you would yell in to the kitchen at the lake to say hello! I will miss your smile on the dock with us while we enjoy a sunny day at Sparrow Lake. You will be missed, remembered so fondly and always loved.*

Beth Simons Ingram

Beth Ingram - April 10, 2013 at 02:18 PM

CG

“ *Little "Billy May", I can see the smile on your face now...Sir you epitomized the word "Gentleman"! We enjoyed the hours, days and years that we spent with you and the countless hockey stories that you shared with us. You instilled in us a love of hockey that can be matched by no other person. You touched all of our lives, and we can never thank you enough. Enjoy the days fishing with "Emmie" and catching up with "Jimmy Armstrong". Did he greet you with "Hey, Bill May"? May God bless you sir, like he blessed us with you! We love you and will keep you close to us.*

*Your Butler Fans!!
The Gallaghers (Greg, Cheri, Ashlee and Colin)*

Cheri Gallagher - April 10, 2013 at 01:20 PM

FW

“ *Many many years ago Bill was a basketball official. I was the 8th grade BB coach at Ingomar Junior High and Bill worked all of my games. For some reason he got great pleasure out of calling technical fouls on this poor quiet coach. We loved you Bill May Coach Frank and Nancy Walton*

Frank and Nancy Walton - April 10, 2013 at 01:02 PM

AV

“ *1 file added to the album Sparrow Lake Summer*



Amy Vanella - April 10, 2013 at 12:43 PM

CM

from Cora May... The message on my Dad's cell phone was, "You've reached Bill May's cell phone. DON't leave a message because he doesn't know how to reply, so call back. After today Saturday, April 13th, I understand why he really didn't want to learn how to get his messages. He wanted to talk to everyone face-to-face or see your smile in person so he could smile back. I want to thank everyone for the wonderful support and the wonderful service and hospitality of Ingomar Methodist Church and the Simons Funeral Home. I know my father is smiling back at all of the people he loved so much because they loved him. Special thanks for John, Beth and Amy Simons for running things so smoothly with their father Scott (we call Dut). A heart warming thanks for those who shared their memories in church, Marty Obrien, Mr. Gibbs, Earl Mowry and Scotty Simons and Charlie Craven who read memories from Dr. John Wrigley; all of these stories bringing Dad closer to us as we are not desiring to say good bye, but know we can hang on to the memories and the stories. Thank you to the only two people he trusted who were really on his side when it came to excepting Hospice, our cousins Susie Simons and Babe Gust; Dad wouldn't accept hospice and said, "It seem like everyone who goes in never comes out." He needed great comfort at the end of his journey, he didn't want to die because he told the nurse he would miss his friends. To all of the NA kids that came and added their stories and somehow Greg Kunz's son knew in New Zealand before the obituary thanks to Facebook and Twitter; many students came to say goodbye to a teacher that I know if they remembered him in a special way, it was because he loved them. With my Dad it was a two way street, always! It would have never been the same without the Canada bunch and thank you to the Tom's family who came all the way from Toronto to remind us that Canada is not just a country, but that Sparrow Lake is a special place with a cottage address in our hearts. We cannot thank you enough for all of you kindness through 82 years and generations of our Sparrow Lake Cottage families, including those who could not be there are were missed, Uncle John and the Morrisons and Dean and Hilary, Ida Mae and Jim. My Dad taught us that good friends are family! And lastly, on one of my Dad's last breaths he opened his eyes and said, "I hope Bobby Holcroft can hold me up on my skates when I get out." Dad, you always took pride in being a "character" and you did it! Thank you to everone!

Cora May - April 13, 2013 at 06:39 PM