



Wilbert Eugene Wellhausen

March 25, 1943 - December 16, 2018

Dateline: Alton

Wilbert Eugene Wellhausen, 75, died at 8:40 a.m. Sunday, December 16, 2018 at Stearns Nursing & Rehab. in Granite City. Born March 25, 1943 in Carrollton, IL, he was the son of Keith Crossland and Alma Bernice (Garrison) Wellhausen. Mr. Wellhausen graduated from Greenfield High School in 1961. He played football, basketball, track and baseball in high school where he set several school records in track and football. He was also voted most athletic by his senior class and participated in several extra-curricular activities. He attended college at Western University in Macomb, IL and then transferred to Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL. Willie played football as a fullback at both universities. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1971 then later graduating with a Masters degree in education. He was drafted as a fullback to the Detroit Lions, however he enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard so never got to live his lifelong dream. He taught Industrial Arts, Health, Physical Education and coached varsity football, track, baseball, wrestling and basketball during his teaching career. He taught and coached for 12 years in Garrett, IN where he was part of a coaching staff that conquered his biggest achievement with a 1974 State Championship. He also coached the semi-pro football team, Central Illinois Cougars in Carlinville, IL. Willie's kids recall him speaking to Bobby Knight from Indiana University, setting up college visits/scholarships for his players. Willie coached professional players, Andre

Iguodala (Golden State Warriors) and Delino DeShields (St. Louis Cardinals). and On March 22, 2014 he married the former Marilyn M. Jouett in Clinton, IN. She survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Tammy (Sean) Justice of Remington, IN, and Wendy (Shaun) Farley of Clinton, IN, one son, Todd (Kristy) Wellhausen of Virden, IL, eight grandchildren, Ayden, Blake, Dalton, Jacob, Joshua, Sarah, Macy and Cody, three great grandchildren, Braylie, Noah and Judah. One sister, Rosemary (Fred) Scheldt of Carlinville, and nieces and nephews, Ryan Cole, Adam Scheldt, Carissa Brumback, Benjamin Scheldt, and Ethan Scheldt. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 20, 2018. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Greenfield, IL. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the Garrett Indiana High School Football Program. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Greenfield, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral

DEC 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wilbert Eugene Wellhausen*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Wilbert Eugene Wellhausen*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one, Mr. Wellhausen. May you find comfort in fond memories of him, and hope in God's promise to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth, fulfilling his original purpose for humans.*

Greene Family - December 29, 2018 at 08:50 PM



“ *I will always remember him as a great team mate and athlete for the Greenfield Tigers.
My deepest condolences to his family. May his memory be eternal.*

Van de Quevedo

Van - December 19, 2018 at 09:24 PM

RB

“ Dear Family,

May my condolences bring you comfort and through our prayers may you find comfort in your loss. I was fortunate to get to know Willie on a personal level. Spent many hours coaching, teaching and fellowshiping with him. We spent many hours painting the locker rooms, weight rooms, wiring stereo systems and doing what ever Willie could think of to help motivate Garrett athletes and make hard work more enjoyable for them. He taught me the ins and outs of coaching track and where to find the best barbecue chicken, which was at the Goshen Relays. I have thought of Willie often and will always wish I had kept better track of him after he left the Garrett area. He was a mentor to me and helped me achieve many of the successes that I have been a part of. Most of which he did unintentionally, because that is the way Willie was. He was just a natural. I will continue to remember Willie and all of the experiences we shared. My prayers go out to you and all those that Willie had touched. Willie you will always be in our hearts.

Dick Boyd

Richard Boyd - December 19, 2018 at 01:51 PM



“ Dear family,

Wrestled and Ran Track at Garrett during the late 70's & early 80s. Willie was tough on us and we needed it. Awesome person, teacher and coach. He turned the page for me in wrestling and track. Encouraged me to never quit. Bandaged me up at his house after I cut myself. Taught me life lessons I use today. I will never forget Willie. My condolences to the family. God Bless. May the Peace of GOD be with you all.

Matt Maley

Matt Maley - December 19, 2018 at 10:05 AM

PB

“ Dear Family & Friends,

My deepest condolences and sympathy to each of you in the passing of whom I will always remember as Coach Willie Wellhausen. I first met Coach in 1974 when I was in 4th grade joining the elementary wrestling program that he organized on Saturday mornings with the high school team. My oldest brother Tim would take me with to practices and it was a great opportunity to rub elbows with the varsity and JV wrestlers and get young kids involved in the program. Tim wrestled and ran track & field for 2 years under Coach Wellhausen graduating in 1976 and was greatly inspired by Coach as he went on to pursue a double degree @ Taylor University wrestling and running cross country and track and field for four years. Tim continued his coaching and teaching career @ numerous high schools and colleges until his passing away in 2002. I got the opportunity to wrestle for Coach from 4th -12th grade and also ran track and field for Coach in 9th-12th grade. I will always remember Coach Wellhausen for his hard work and dedication that he encouraged from his athletes. His teams were always well structured and disciplined. My prayers are with the family as you remember Coach Wellhausen.

*Pete Bowman
GHS Class of 1983*

Pete Bowman - December 19, 2018 at 08:56 AM

RR

“ One great guy. Always friendly and caring. Willie, you are going to be missed.

Rich Randell - December 18, 2018 at 03:08 PM

UM

“ *United Contractors Midwest purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Wilbert Eugene Wellhausen.*



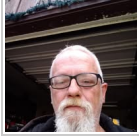
United Contractors Midwest - December 18, 2018 at 02:33 PM

KC

“ *To the family,
I played football and wrestled for Garrett High School, and was proud to have Willy as one of my line coaches on the 1974 State football championship team. He was a wonderful man and friend. I was so honored to see Willy over the years at reunions, and will never forget all the wonderful values, that he instilled to myself, and my teammates. May Willy rest in peace, and the family realize what a great person he was, and a friend to so many people.*

*Kevin Custer
GHS Class of 1975*

Kevin Custer - December 18, 2018 at 01:47 PM



“ Dear family,
I played football and wrestled at Garrett during the late 70's. I was on the line in football so I received a lot of Willy's coaching. The thing I remember most of him though is during wrestling. I was in an extremely tough weight class with a semi-state wrestler a year ahead of me and one a year behind me. Some people might have given up and quit under those conditions but Willy motivated me to always give my best and never give up. To this day when things get tough his words come back to me and I pick myself back up and keep trying. He is one coach I will never forget.
I wish for you the family only the best and offer my condolences in this time of sorrow. I only hope that the knowledge that his legacy lives on in the students and athletes he taught will be of some help in times such as these.

*Gregory Gerber
Garrett Class of 1977*

Gregory Gerber - December 18, 2018 at 10:09 AM

BC

“ Dear family
I was a student at Garrett High School in the 1970's and had Mr Wellhausen as a teacher and I was a Mat Maid for the wrestling team that he coached. He was a great teacher, coach and person. Will always have memories of him from school. Great Man. May God give you peace and comfort in this time of need.
*Sincerely,
Becky (Thrush) Cox*

Becky and Mike Cox - December 18, 2018 at 08:24 AM

MW

“ *Margaret Whitworth sent a virtual gift in memory of Wilbert Eugene Wellhausen*



Margaret Whitworth - December 17, 2018 at 11:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wilbert Eugene Wellhausen.*



December 17, 2018 at 10:27 PM