



Emmerson "Bill" Munro II

October 12, 1952 - March 15, 2025

Emmerson "Bill" William Munro II, 72, of Mundelein, was born on October 12, 1952, in Chicago and passed away on March 15, 2025, in Libertyville.

Bill was the beloved son of Emmerson and Elfriede (nee Schwerdtfeger) Munro Sr., and one of five siblings. He was a cherished uncle and deeply valued his family connections. Bill is survived by his devoted wife, Lynn, and his two loving sons, Jared and Alec.

Bill pursued his education at Belding Elementary, Carl Schurz High School, McKendree College, and North Central College, where he earned a B.A. in Physical Education. His career journey included roles as a Field

Representative and Area Manager at Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, a Personal Financial Advisor at Ameriprise Financial Services, and later as a substitute teacher and Teacher Aide at Vernon Hills High School.

An active and dedicated member of the Boy Scouts, Bill's passion extended beyond his sons earning their Eagle Scout honors. He was highly regarded for his leadership, as reflected in the numerous mentoring pins he received from Scouts who benefited from his guidance.

Bill's love for sports was boundless. Whether he was playing, coaching, or spectating, sports played a central role in his life. He cherished coaching his sons during their Little League days, attending their various sports events, and being present for all their band concerts. At Vernon Hills High School, Bill's talents as a coach for Boys Bowling and Girls and Boys Tennis shone brightly, as he enthusiastically shared his expertise with young athletes.

Bill will be remembered for his vibrant personality, sharp wit, unwavering work ethic, and deep devotion to his family. He had an extraordinary ability to connect with people and leave a lasting impact on everyone he met. He was a loyal friend to many and will be profoundly missed.

A celebration of life will be held from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Vernon Hills Sullivan Community Center, 635 N. Aspen Dr. Vernon Hills, IL. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations in Bill's name be made to Vernon Hills High School Cougar Athletic Boosters, <https://vhhscab.sportngin.com/register/form/525493360>. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **12**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Vernon Hills Sullivan Community Center
635 N. Aspen Drive
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Tribute Wall

DG

“ I am truly blessed to have known Bill. I first met Bill in his role as a parent when his son Alec played tennis for me at VHHS, and having played tennis when he was younger, I came to trust his analysis of the matches he watched. I later got to know Bill as a fellow colleague when he joined the PE department and helped shape some of the programs we offer. But it was when I hired Bill to be our JV2 tennis coach for both the boys and the girls that I really got to know him.

Bill was selfless.

We teach players to ask the following question when they arrive at the courts: Do you need any help with anything? Bill never needed to ask that question. Bill just saw that something needed to be done and did it. Need some leaves removed? Bill brought his leaf blower. Need someone to man the grill during our annual “Fill the Hill while We Grill” event? Bill became our Grillmaster General. Have a blister from playing three matches? Bill would pull out his bag of bowling tricks to get the player ready to continue.

Bill cared.

At the end of practices, Bill would head to the shed and let me know of the breakthroughs he made with players. He would watch videos, watch televised matches, read books--anything that would allow him to better coach his players.

Bill was a friend.

Bill and I would talk after practice about tennis, our families, and life in general. I must admit I may have been late for dinner more than once because I enjoyed talking with Bill.

Bill, you are missed.

Doug Gerber

Doug Gerber - April 11, 2025 at 09:22 AM

SH

“ I remember Bill from Boy Scouts. He was always calm, cool, and collected: CCC. That man had nerves of steel. One time when we went camping during a colder evening, he slept in his car/truck and said that he earned the right to be warm because of his age. No one argued his point; everyone agreed that he had the right to sleep in his vehicle. He always had a calm ability to solve problems and execute the solution. He was confident enough not to care what others thought of him because he had a lot to be confident about. He commanded respect without having to instill fear in others. He was not arrogant but he had a right to be- he was intelligent, kind, and capable. He was “tried and tested” through the wisdom he acquired through life. I think his biggest attribute was his family. Bill was lucky to have had Lynn, Jared, and Alec in his life. I know he was proud of his Eagle Scout sons. I know that he loved and respected his wife. I am proud to have known Bill and to be considered a friend of the family.

Sharon Harris

Sharon Harris - April 03, 2025 at 10:24 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Emmerson "Bill" Munro II.



April 01, 2025 at 08:52 AM

GH

“ I can't remember a time when Bill wasn't a presence in my life while I was growing up. He was dating my sister Lynn when I was very young, and after they got married, our connection grew even deeper. He was always there to support me in all my interests, from toys and games in my childhood to my rowdy rock 'n roll years as a teenager. Bill was one of those people who seemed to know a little about everything. When you encountered a problem with seemingly no answer, he always came up with a solution, who knows how! My fondest memories are of all the years our families had adjoining cottages at our Methodist Camp Grounds. Too many good times to share. Holiday get-togethers, family trips, he even stood up in my own wedding. Always a positive force and always brought such a sense of fun. My heart goes out to not only my sister and their family, but to Bill's as well.

Gregg Heyboer - April 01, 2025 at 08:43 AM

JP

“ My deepest sympathies go out to the Munro family. I had the pleasure of having both Jared and Alec in class years ago, but I got to know Bill very well a few years back when he was a co-teacher with me during summer school at VHHS. Bill needed to get lifeguard certified so I wrote some workouts and we would go to the pool after summer school classes and swim laps together. We had many good conversations and some really good laughs. I will miss him deeply. He was a great man and a proud husband and father. RIP Bill.

Jim Pardun - March 31, 2025 at 08:10 PM

JR

“ My thoughts are with the Munro family. Bill's passing leaves a huge hole in the lives of so many at VHHS. I could talk with Bill for hours as his knowledge of politics, Chicago area history, and Classic Rock was inspiring and exciting to discuss. Bill, you were a true "Chicago Guy"!

Jason Rush - March 31, 2025 at 11:13 AM

JG

“ Bill's life represents what is good in our world. As a dedicated staff member of Vernon Hills High School , Bill poured himself into making young people better. He cared deeply for the athletes he coached. He was a kind and generous colleague and friend. He was consistent, hard working and reliable - a wonderful example for all he met. Bill will be missed by the entire VHHS community.

Jon Guillaume - March 25, 2025 at 02:00 PM

BH

“ Known as CHICAGO Bill by his fraternity brothers of Ferox at Mckendree University he was always easy going and ready to help any way he could. It was wonderful when he would return for homecoming and fill us in on his latest coaching escapades. So sorry he wasn't he east able to join us last October. He will not only be missed by family but all his fraternity brothers as well.

Bruce Hogan - March 24, 2025 at 06:37 PM

MF

“ My friendship with Bill began with he stepped up to lead my son. Sam’s Cub Scout Den. Bill was point person through Eagle Scouts and way beyond. He was passionate about Scouting. When I subbed in Phys. Ed. Bill took the class. I will remember Bill as a proud Dad to Jared and Alec. I’m glad I was connected to Bill.
Marty Fink

Marty Fink - March 23, 2025 at 01:35 PM

PO

“ He was my area manager when I definitely needed him. And we enjoyed many years together with Ray at his office.
His passing is truly an unexpected and horrible

Paul Orich - March 22, 2025 at 11:02 PM

PF

“ My wife Audrey and I first met Bill in 1980. He was introduced to us by Ray Gorzynski as our Woodmen life insurance representative. In 1990, Bill, then an area manager, recruited me to be a sales rep and was so kind and patient with me through the whole training process! Our friendship grew over time, despite his career path moving in a different direction. His dedication to family and easy going demeanor were always evident! We are deeply saddened and extend our sincerest sympathies to Lynn, Jared, Alec and extended family.

Phil Fanselow - March 20, 2025 at 06:20 PM

PO

Bill was my area manager with Woodmen and he found what was needed for a 40+ to enter insurance sales with enthusiasm Always glad and looking for something to smile about. He was damn good at finding it. So sorry for his passing.

Paul Orich - March 20, 2025 at 10:17 PM

JR

“ After meeting Jared the summer before freshman year of high school, I got to know his whole family a lot. What I loved about his Dad was how kind and easy to be around he was especially as a shy and awkward teenager trying to make friends and I really saw part of where Jared got his light and good nature from. I remember every time I saw him at school it was always good to see him and we got to talk a bit. Specifically the couple times I had him teaching gym class were very memorable and as a tv club member recording tennis highlights. Was always very kind and treated me with great respect as a growing person and not just some kid or his son's friend. Will miss him.

Justin R - March 20, 2025 at 04:11 PM