



## William Ingwersen

March 3, 1941 - November 13, 2020

William "Bill" Ingwersen, age 79, passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus on Sunday, November 13, 2020, surrounded by his family. Bill, as he preferred to be called, lived a rich life. Bill was born on March 3, 1941, to Lee and Pauline Ingwersen in Urbana, Illinois. He married Doris Ingwersen Runyon. She survives. Also surviving are two children, Lea Anne (Scott) Schmidgall of East Peoria and Clark (Andrea) Ingwersen of East Peoria, seven adoring grandchildren, Brock, Brody, Ellie, Kaylea, Caden Schmidgall and Reid Ingwersen.

One sister survives, Kay (Ken) Toedter of Houston, Texas. As a graduate of Greenville College, our father dedicated his life to family and education. As an educator for 53 years with district 150 in Adult Education, as well as Illinois Central College, he was able to reach and influence countless students with his ability to relate in a personable, meaningful way. Bill was on the Board of Public and Adult Continuing Education when he started teaching Adult Education in 1963. He was the Secretary for 20 years on the Board and Scholarship Chair for 33 years. He taught Adult Education from 1968-2015. From 1963 -1968 he taught junior high school in East Peoria. Our father never hesitated to pass along his passion for learning and always taught us that knowing about your past and your surroundings was essential and provided an appreciation for things that may have otherwise been missed. He was also very passionate about his family's genealogy. Our father was dedicated to the lives of our family and especially his grandchildren. He adored them all and made every effort to never miss anything important in their lives. From softball games, picking up and dropping them off at school, to helping with their homework, our father never missed an opportunity to be with his family and was truly selfless in his dedication to our entire family.

Private Graveside Services will take place at Fondulac Cemetary in East Peoria. A Memorial Service will take place in the Spring, which will be announced.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts are made in memory of Bill to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Peoria Area, 931 North Douglas, Peoria, Illinois 61606.

# Comments

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“ My deepest condolences, I will miss seeing Bill up on Mackinac island almost every Spring and Fall. He will be missed!

**Steve Zacharias** - January 02 at 02:39 PM

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“ I have so many sweet memories of Bill. We served together on the IACEA Board for many years and became dear friends. He served in several positions throughout the years, with the last many as Secretary. Whatever official position I had, I was also his assistant Secretary. He would save me a seat at board meetings, and I would write out all the motion forms him. It was fun teamwork. We both were on the Bylaws committee suffering through at least three revisions or amendments. He loved to wordsmith. He was passionate about adult education - both the students he taught and his colleagues in the field. I enjoyed his company after the meetings as well. Bill, our dear friend Connie, and I often went to dinner together where he would entertain us with stories and his quick wit. The three of us retired from the board together this past June. We were honored to receive together the Presidents' Award at the annual conference in the spring. I will never forget Bill. He was one of a kind!

**Vicki Hinkle** - December 01, 2020 at 09:04 PM

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“ Leeanne, Clark and Family, I just learned yesterday that your dad passed. Kathy and I send our sympathy to each of you as you grieve his passing and celebrate his amazing life.



**Jim and Kathy Burdette** - November 29, 2020 at 10:31 AM

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“ We will all miss Bill. Each year sitting side by side with Bill at the Illinois Adult and Continuing Education Association's (IACEA) annual conference, he made me laugh the entire time. He always made sure that when I came to the IACEA meetings that I always had a copy of the liaison report for him to include in the minutes. When I would say yes I have the report, he would cross his arms, nod and smile. I will miss Bill. Thank you for your dedication to Adult Education and to the students of Illinois.

Always remembering. Thank you for the laughter.

Jennifer K. Foster  
Deputy Executive Director  
Illinois Community College Board

**Jennifer Foster** - November 23, 2020 at 02:54 PM

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“ I always enjoyed seeing and talking with Bill at a number of Adult Education events each year. My career in AE was from 1977 to 2005 so Bill had many more years both before and after me.

I worked in the Urbana School District and Bill would often share Urbana stories from his youth.

Bill was known for his expertise in preparing students for the Constitution Exam, a requirement for all high school and GED graduates in the state of Illinois.

He would often bring a table top display to statewide conferences. It would include pictures and stories from the IACEA Archives which he maintained. It provided all of us with a better understanding of the history of AE in Illinois including the Illinois Adult and Continuing Educators Association.

Bill was a great supporter of AE and IACEA and provided exemplary service to both. His attention to detail in his role as Secretary of IACEA was appreciated by all who served as officers or Board members!

Condolences to his family. He will be missed but will be remembered in so many positive ways!

John Muirhead  
Champaign, IL

**john muirhead** - November 22, 2020 at 07:18 PM