



## SAVAGE

September 11, 2021

William J. "Bill" Savage - June 12, 1929 - September 6, 2021

William J. "Bill" Savage, 92, passed away peacefully on Labor Day, September 6, 2021, at his residence in Vero Beach, Florida, with his family by his side after a brief illness. Bill and his late wife, Nancy Savage (nee Burns), were married for 55 years. They retired to Vero Beach in 2005. He was formerly from Lansdowne, Delaware County and South Philly. Bill is survived by two daughters, Jane Keenan (Rich), Maryanna Savage Phinn, and his grandson, Bobby Phinn, Jr. He is also survived by his brothers-in-law, Billy Burns, Francis Burns, Donny Burns and Jimmy Burns (Joan) and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his sister Cass Dornisch, his parents, Bill and Betty Savage, and his father and mother in-law, Bill and Cecilia Burns and his brothers-in-law, Bobby Burns and Eugene Burns.

Born on June 12, 1929, he was raised in Southwest Philly and graduated from West Catholic High School in 1947. As a teenager, he played the trumpet and performed in drum and bugle corps and marching bands at parades and sporting events throughout Philadelphia. Bill was a veteran, serving in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He worked at the Quartermaster in South Philly for the U.S. Department of Defense as a purchasing manager, retiring in 1989.

Bill was a track and field coach for 30 years, coaching CYO track at St.

Philomena's Parish in Lansdowne. "Coach Bill" was head coach at Archbishop Prendergast High School in Drexel Hill throughout the 1980's and 1990's. He was an assistant coach at Monsignor Bonner High School. Bill was extremely proud of the high school athletes he coached throughout the years, many of whom excelled in track and field at colleges and universities throughout the country.

Bill loved music, especially big bands, swing, jazz and Dixieland. He played the harmonica and conducted sing-along's at many family parties in "Cele's Kitchen" and after the Mummer's Parade on New Year's Day. Bill and Nancy loved the Jersey Shore, especially the many great times and cold beers in Beach Haven with their dear friends, the Cravens and Forsythes. Bill was always a top contender at Griffin's Annual Costume Party in Long Beach Island. Bill was a typical diehard Philly sports fan. He was especially loyal to the Philadelphia Phillies, Eagles and Sixers (win or lose!). He loved Penn State and Notre Dame and bonded with all the family dogs, especially Dandy, Rudy and Duke. In Vero Beach, Bill and Nancy made many new friends and enjoyed great times at "Vista Royale."

Friends and relatives are invited to his viewing from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 15th at St. Monica Church, 17th & Ritner Sts., Philadelphia, followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Bill will be laid to rest at SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery, 1600 Sproul Rd., Springfield, PA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in his memory to: Archbishop Prendergast/Monsignor Bonner Track and Field Teams, 403 N. Lansdowne Ave., Drexel Hill, PA 19026 or visit [www.bonnerprendie.com](http://www.bonnerprendie.com).

# Tribute Wall

MF

“ Jane and Maryanna, On behalf of my mother, Anne Friel ,and the entire Friel family, we offer you our condolences. May the many happy memories you have of your father bring you smiles. We will keep you in our prayers.

Mary Friel - September 15, 2021 at 09:00 PM

EH

“ Jane and Maryanna we are so very sorry for your loss. May uncle Bill rest in peace and know that he is with the rest of our family up there. Love you!

Eileen Holmes - September 15, 2021 at 03:50 PM

JM

“ Maryanna and Jane, May your Dad Rest In Peace for eternity. He was a beautiful kind man who was loved and respected by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. ❤️🙏

JoAnne Kelly McCoy - September 15, 2021 at 01:06 PM

RM

“ Jane and Maryanna,  
  
I was sad to hear of your father's passing. I had many great times coaching with him at Prendie/Bonner. I was just thinking about your dad a few days ago and then I heard the news at a Cross Country meet. Your dad lived an amazing life and he touched many hearts. My prayers are with you. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend his services but know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Bill, you are now reunited with Nancy. Rest in Peace my friend.

Roger McGroarty - September 15, 2021 at 09:38 AM

RM

“ Jane and Maryanne, my deepest condolences in the passing of your father. We coached together for many years. He was a great guy and always thought about him. He is reunited with your wonderful mother. We had many great times coaching. I am sorry I cannot make it to his funeral Mass. You are all in my prayers.

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**Roger McGroarty** - September 15, 2021 at 12:27 AM

JF

“ What a great American always a laugh always put family first ,all around him could learn from He Nancy' s respect , grace and loyalty , we had the great privilege of going up with uncle bill he was a low key GIANT , to know him is to love him , he was forever proud of Maryanna & Jane for good reason  
RIP

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**Jimmy forsythe** - September 14, 2021 at 07:06 PM

BD

“ Mr. Savage coached me at Prendie 1990-1994. Great man in his heart and soul! Heaven is blessed with another angel. Rest In Peace Coach! 🙏👼

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**Brigid (Benner) Dougherty** - September 14, 2021 at 12:08 AM

KK

“ On behalf of the Bonner & Prendie Track programs, we want to send our deepest condolences to the family, friends, and athletes of Coach Bill. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with all of you.

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**Kevin Kee** - September 13, 2021 at 11:38 PM

RO

“ So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers

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**Roxanne** - September 13, 2021 at 09:27 PM

RI

“ *Sending huge hugs to you and 'Rich. I know everyone who knew your dad absolutely loved him and what a riot it was to hang out with him. What a great guy and father. Rest in peace Bill. Love You.*

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**Rich and Denise Imperato** - September 13, 2021 at 02:29 PM

GH

“ *My Heartfelt Sympathy to You and Maryanna and your families*

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**George W Hendricks** - September 12, 2021 at 11:24 PM

JG

“ *Rest In Peace*

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**Joan Garcia** - September 12, 2021 at 08:04 PM