

In Loving Memory

A Poem Inspired by Bill's Love



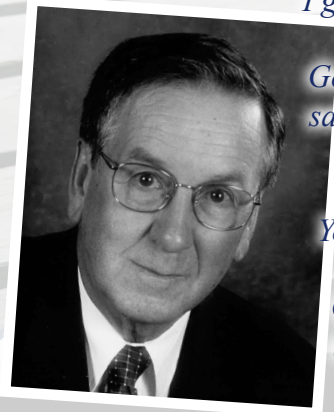
Love when freely given
is a gift.
This gift transcends all
that we know.

When accepted by another
it can take you anywhere
together.

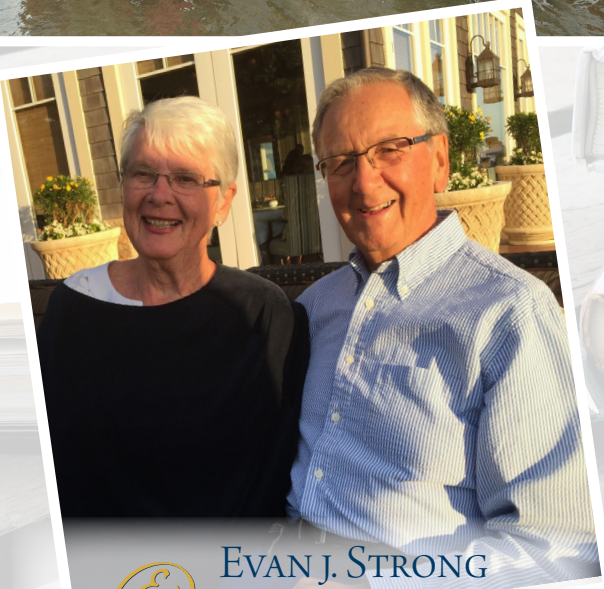
Don't cry for me for I have
found the power of love given
to me and accepted by me.
I have found peace, I have
found comfort, I have found
God and all his blessings.

I give you my gift of love to
be shared with all.
Go therefore, as Christ has
said, "Love one another as
I have loved you."

You will be not a dim light,
but a beacon.
Guide all those you come
to know, a safe arrival on
the shores of heavenly
rest.



Eternal rest grant unto your servant Bill,
O Lord, and let eternal light shine upon him.



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Bill Dever

1937 - 2019

William Andrew "Bill" Dever

April 29, 1937 - June 13, 2019

Bill was born in Montreal into a loving family. He passionately served his family and faith throughout his life. He attended St. Joseph's Teachers College which was the foundation of many long-lasting friendships. Most importantly he met his lifelong love Evelyn Reddy, they were married on June 25, 1960. Together, they started their careers and were soon blessed with four wonderful children. The young adventurous family traveled each summer on many camping trips from coast to coast. In 1972, Bill and Evelyn led the family west moving to Calgary where he began his career with the Calgary Catholic School District. Bill was an inspiring teacher, an exemplary principal and trusted administrator. His successful career of servant leadership culminated as Chief Superintendent where he led 1000s of teachers in over 100 schools serving 50,000 students. Bill served his community volunteering on the board of directors of St Mary's University and the YMCA of Calgary. He was a local supporter and fundraiser of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Bill was a man of conviction strongly defending his beliefs. Bill was a lover of all things; literature, art, music, sports (especially Notre Dame Football), travel, nature but most of all people. He was continually learning and enhancing his knowledge on all subjects. However it was his love of teaching that motivated Bill. It was the combination of education and faith that brought forward Bill's philosophy that each and every child is sacred. He was predeceased by his caring parents Bill and Dorothy and his sisters Patricia,

Doreen and Catherine. Bill is survived by his loving wife Evelyn, his son Bill (Shawn Michele) Dever, his daughter Tanya (Brad) Zumwalt, his son Paul (Arlene) Dever, his daughter Alyson (Shawn) Laursen and eleven grandchildren Josh, Katie, Ben, Kallen, Cassie, Noah, Sam, Danny, Sage, Ryerson and Teala, many loving nieces and nephews and countless life long friends. Bill's smile, wit, mischievous laugh and steady positive encouragement will be deeply missed and fondly remembered. The family experienced countless expressions of love and support as Bill's health deteriorated. Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Rick Ward for decades of friendship and especially his compassion and guidance in Bill's final months. GO IRISH!

Welcome - William Dever Junior

Tributes

Brad Zumwalt Tanya Zumwalt

Poem

Paul Dever Arlene Dever

Words of Remembrance

Joshua Zumwalt Katarina Zumwalt
Benjamin Zumwalt Kallen Laursen
Cassandra Zumwalt Noah Laursen
Samuel Dever Danny Laursen
Sage Dever Ryerson Dever Teala Dever

Song - "Humble and Kind"

Vocalist - Sarah Elliot
Guitarist - Reid Cameron

Urn Bearers

Alyson Laursen Shawn Laursen

Funeral Mass

St. Peter's Catholic Church
Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 1:00 pm

Presider - The Rev. Jonathan Gibson

Readings

Ecclesiastes 3:1 - 8 Al Miele
Corinthians 13:4 - 8 Ed Perry

Responsorial Psalm

"On Eagles Wing"

Gospel

John 14:1 - 6

Prayer of the Faithful

Ken Briggs Mary Briggs

Offertory Bearers

William Dever Junior Shawn Michele Dever

Musician

Annie Chirka

Violinist

Darcy Stamp

Musical Selections

St. Peter's Resurrection Choir

Reception

Immediately following the Funeral Mass, relatives and friends are invited to meet with the family at Silver Springs Golf and Country Club (1600 Varsity Estates Drive NW)

Photo Tributes

Prepared by Bill's family

