



Peter Lawrence Billick

September 5, 1933 - January 25, 2014

PETER LAWRENCE BILLICK

“COACH”

Pete Billick, age 80 of Miller Beach, Indiana passed away on Saturday, January 25th, 2014. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, MaryAnn (Gasper), his children; Lawrence Peter (Denise) Billick of Crown Point, IN; Deborah (Gregory) Ashcraft of Lake Station, IN; Carolyn (David) Hamm of Lowell, IN; Sandra (Jamie) Caylor of Hobart, IN. Grandchildren; Eric and Nicole Billick, Brittany and Lcpl Scott Ashcraft, Michael and Kyle Hamm; sisters, Phyllis Sabotta and Brenda Huerter; brother, Vern Billick, Uncle Steve Billick; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pete was a graduate of Mt. Carmel High School and the University of Notre Dame, class of 1956, served in the U.S. Army before going on to pursue his Master's Degree at Purdue University. Known to many as “Coach”, teacher, mentor and friend at Andean High School for 30 years, where he taught Industrial Arts and was a Track and Football Coach for 19 years. Selected as a coach for the 1976 Indiana North/South Allstar Football game. He enjoyed attending Notre Dame and Andean Football games, White Sox baseball, pinochle, camping and building projects.

Above all, he loved his wife, MaryAnn, children and grandchildren, had a kind heart and was a great husband and father. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, January 31, 2014 at 10 a.m. directly at St. Francis Xavier Church, 2447 Putnam, Lake Station, Rev. Frank Torres officiating. Interment in Calvary Cemetery, Portage. Friends are invited to meet with Pete's family on Thursday from 3-8 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E. 7th St., Hobart, and on Friday from 9:30 until 10:00 a.m. at church. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the St. Jude Research Hospital, Humane Society of Northwest Indiana or the Andean Athletic Department. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2701 Willowdale Road
Portage, IN 46368

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart
701 E. 7th Street
Hobart, IN 46342
(219) 942-1117
info@burnsfuneral.com
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Prayer Service

JAN 30. 7:00 PM (CT)

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JAN 31. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Lake Station, IN 46405

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ To the friends and family of Coach Billick - Mr. Billick was one of my coaches, for football and track, while I attended Andean from 1961 until graduation with the class of 1965. We enjoyed the events together and I know it was largely due to the good sportsmanship taught us by Mr. Billick and the other coaches. He was always willing to help us improve ourselves and that meant a lot in those early years of Andean and our own growth. My condolences go out to all who knew him and lived with him. His passing definitely brought a lump to my throat remembering the good, old, days. Joe Dudak #64 and in the Class of 1965, Andean's third graduating class.

Joe Dudak - June 03, 2014 at 01:08 PM

LT

“ Coach was my ride home after practices and we got to know each other a little better...always coaching, always teaching. Coach new the difference between telling someone what to do and teaching them. Wish I could have listened more back then. Thanks for keeping me in when I called my own number for 47 Power, I never relinquished the 4 back position from that time on. I still see Coach shaking his car keys on the sidelines to the defense..."watch your keys" he would say. "Ends box in, nothing gets around you"

My thoughts and prayers to the Billick Family for your loss. May you gain strength in knowing how loved Coach was to so many people.

Larry Thomas #22, Class of 82'

Larry Thomas - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 PM

MW

“ When Andean first allowed girls to take Architectural Drafting and Design, I was among them. The skills "Coach" taught so patiently and without gender bias are ones I've used all of my adult life. I'll always be grateful.

My heartfelt condolences and most positive thoughts are sent to you today.

*Margie Wilson
Grand Junction, Colorado
Class of 1971*

margie wilson - January 31, 2014 at 02:02 PM

JD

“ To the Billick family - we will all think of his wit and wisdom both on and off the field. He treated everyone with the an even handed approach to be admired - especially as you aged. Let him continue to be an example to is all. Jim Dailey

Jim Dailey - January 30, 2014 at 09:53 AM

KH

“ Kim Hockney lit a candle in memory of Peter Lawrence Billick



Kim Hockney - January 29, 2014 at 04:09 PM

PH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Phil (PJ) Huerter - January 29, 2014 at 04:06 PM

DL

“ David and Winnie Lau purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Peter Lawrence Billick.



David and Winnie Lau - January 29, 2014 at 11:31 AM

DC

“ My sympathies to the Billick family. Pete was my favorite teacher at AHS and worked with me in the CYO mush ball league in Gary. I will miss him. God's blessings and comfort to you all. Dennis Crane

Dennis Crane - January 28, 2014 at 07:21 PM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Peter Lawrence Billick.



January 28, 2014 at 12:01 AM

JJ

“ Saddened to learn of the passing of Pete Billick. Coach Billick was a tremendous influence on my life and made my experience at Andean exceptional. Even today I have such fond memories of his leadership as a track coach. I can remember like it was yesterday going to track meets in his camper, work outs running in the hallways after school, and his expert instruction from the starting blocks to the finish line. My prayers are with the Billick family during this time and I'm very thankful to have known Coach Billick – rest in peace coach.

*Jim Jamieson
Andean High School 1983 Grad*

Jim Jamieson - January 27, 2014 at 07:46 PM

FL

*Dear Mrs. Billick, Larry and Family,
It is with great sorrow that I offer my condolences for the loss of your husband, love, father and friend, a great Coach and Teacher. I had the honor of having Coach Billick as Coach and Teacher at Andean from '73-'77. It is with great regret, that I hold a letter penned several months ago, addressed to the Coach Joe Paterno family, Coach Roger Haring my college Coach and Coach Larry Billick. The letter was stuck in a book while I hoped to obtain Coach Billick's address to send the letter on...It was a letter thanking Coaches for changing boys to men, impressing young men in the honor of competition and learning to get up again, when one is knocked down. Coach Billick led with great example, overcoming obstacles that would have conquered a mere mortal man. Mrs. Billick, I remember the sack lunches you made and the big cooler of pop that we hauled to Purdue for the first indoor track meet of the season. Thank you for the sacrifices you and your family made and for allowing us to be taught by such great a man.
May God Bless You and Keep You All,
On behalf of the Class of '77 and especially, the football and track teams of '73-'77.
See you Coach when we get there...
With the Utmost Sincerity,
Frank "Big Frank" Losinski #77
Class of '77*

Frank J. Losinski - January 27, 2014 at 11:47 PM