



William "Bill" Reid

June 2, 1939 - October 17, 2013

William "Bill" Reid, age 74, of Albuquerque, went to be with his Lord, Thursday, October 17, 2013. He is survived by Gayla, his wife of 53 years; daughters, Lisa Dettweiler and husband Eric and Lesley Botz and husband Jeff; grandchildren, Brody Botz, Brooklyn Botz, and Slaton Dettweiler; brothers, David Reid and wife Nola, Scott Reid and wife Sue; sister, Marcia Martin; step-mother, Virginia Reid; and numerous nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his daughter, Rochelle Reid; father, William Reid; and mother, Ruth Reid. He was a well loved teacher and administrator with APS for 27 years. After retirement from APS, Bill served as the administrative pastor with Desert Springs Church, while also serving as a leader in Bible Study Fellowship. He attended UNM on a baseball and basketball scholarship. Bill loved and dedicated his life to his family. His quick wit and lively sense of humor will be greatly missed. Services will be held on Monday, October 21, 2013, 11:00 a.m., at Desert Springs Church, 705 Osuna Rd NE. Private interment will take place. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Desert Springs Church Mission Fund.

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7121 Wyoming Blvd. NE
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Previous Events

Services

OCT **21**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Desert Springs Church
705 Osuna Rd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Tribute Wall



“ *Bill was a Lobo great on a great lobo team. We will hold a moment of silence at practice tomorrow and say a pray.*

God bless bill

*Always a Lobo
Coach Ray Birmingham
UNM head baseball coach*

Ray Birmingham - November 05, 2013 at 06:24 PM



“ *Dearest Gayla and family...
Our first thoughts when we heard of Bill's passing was that we were so glad we were able to spend a wonderful evening with the two of you...just a short time ago. It was such a pleasure.*

If someone asked me to describe the two of you my memories go immediately back to your wedding here in Pueblo. Susan and I felt so special and grown-up, being candle lighters for, what to us, seemed like a storybook wedding. You made such a gorgeous couple, and we were excited to have him in our family.

Over the years, Rich has commented that he has felt so comfortable with the two of you, even though I'm sure the golf-talk with Bill helped that along a little. It always amazed me that although we no longer had those big Christmas family gatherings, every visit with the two of you was like we had just seen each other yesterday.

I wish we had been able to attend on Monday. I hope you know we were with you in our hearts. Much, much love.....Georgi (and Rich)

Georgi and Rich Lipich - October 22, 2013 at 07:28 PM

BC

“*Gayla and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. It was a very nice funeral service. It was like a reunion seeing all the WIFMO band again. We all loved Bill so much and he was such an influence on all of our lives. My favorite memory of Bill was during VBS when Bill was playing Captain Goodnews. He talked about wishing he could fly in.... so we decided to build a dummy dressed up like Captain Goodnews and throw it across the stage and then he would pop up as if he had been flying... but when we threw it , it fell apart and he started laughing so hard he had a hard time standing up to appear as if he flew in.... we had such good times with Bill, he will be missed so much. God Bless you all.*

Bob Clark

Bob Clark - October 21, 2013 at 11:53 PM

BS

“*I cannot even begin to express my sorrow at the loss of such a great man! Mr. Reid was Assistant Principal at Eldorado when I was student there and never once did he ever fail to smile and greet me with a smile. I'm a better person having known this giant of a man. My heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family during this time. He was a man among men and will never be forgotten.*

Barbara Stefanik - October 21, 2013 at 11:20 PM

JS

“ Gayla and Family, I am sorry that I was not able to attend Bill's service today. I'm certain that it honored Bill's Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. No wonder we high school girls thought Coach Reid was handsome, he was only a few years older than we were. What an impact his life had made on so many people - young and old alike. Duffy and I have good memories of one of "the good guys" in this life.

Jean Ann Swan

Jean Ann Swan - October 21, 2013 at 06:36 PM

DF

“ Gayla and Family:
I am so sorry to just learn of Bill's passing. I will always hold dear memories of traveling with and playing with him on UNM Baseball trips. He was indeed a great guy.

Dick Felter

Farmington, NM

Dick Felter - October 21, 2013 at 06:14 PM



“ Dear family and friends of Mr. Reid. Mr. Reid, Coach Reid, was a teacher of mine and football coach at Sandia High School in the early 60s. I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing. Coach was a well respected and thought-of teacher at Sandia, and I know he will be sorely missed.

Sincerely,

David Christy

Dave Christy - October 21, 2013 at 04:31 PM

FF

“ *From your FelCor Family purchased the Blue & White Standing Wreath for the family of William "Bill" Reid.*



From your FelCor Family - October 21, 2013 at 03:43 PM

TR

“ *Dear Gayla, Lisa and Lesley,
I was very sorry to hear about the loss of Bill. You were always such a great family in our neighborhood growing up, and I appreciate the friendships during those young years. I really enjoyed hearing many new stories about Bill at the service. What a great man, and an excellent example of what a Christian servant can do with his life. God be with you during this tough time.*

Todd Reinert

Todd Reinert - October 21, 2013 at 02:20 PM

TR

“ I've been very blessed to have many strong male role models in my life to help challenge me and guide me to be the best man I can be. Bill Reid was one of those men. As a high school principal at Eldorado in 1989 and then as a church leader and friend at Riverview/Desert Springs Church. His kind heart, boisterous laugh and caring personality left a lasting mark on my life and I truly believe he has recently heard the statement "Well done, good and faithful servant" upon his arrival at heaven's doorsteps. I am sad for a moment, but rejoicing that I will see him again in the future.

-Tony Roybal

(Currently in Phoenix, Arizona and very sorry I am unable to attend today's services)

Tony Roybal - October 21, 2013 at 11:48 AM

MF

“ Dear Leslie,
Wanted to express our sympathy to you and your family for your loss and to let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

May God Bless!

Debbie and Martin Flores

Martin & Debbie Flores - October 21, 2013 at 11:31 AM

GC

“ Dear Gayla & Family,
Just wanted you to know that Terry and I, Zoe and Zach will always have very dear memories of dear "Papa Bill". He helped us in the raising of our children to know the Lord while being a part of Sunday school at Desert Springs Church. God used "Papa Bill" in a mighty way with the children there and in many other places!

With Love and God's Peace!
The Cooper Family

Gina Cooper - October 21, 2013 at 09:31 AM

NM

“ Dearest Reid Family, Every Autumn, I look back over my Sandia High School yearbooks so I can again appreciate the richness of my high school years. "Mr. Reid" was key to the stability and joy and fun of that experience. I remember babysitting for your little ones, too. Your doors and hearts were open. How I have loved seeing Bill's face as I have turned the pages of those volumes. Later in life, we reconnected. It meant all the world to me that the Reid family were Believers in Jesus. As Heaven grows even more desireable because of those loved ones who have gone before, I count Bill Reid as one I will rejoice to see there. I send much love to all of you. You are ever in my heart,

Nancy Merritt, Sandia Class of 1969
Washington, DC

Nancy Merritt - October 21, 2013 at 06:52 AM

JG

“ Dearest Lesley, Lisa and Gayla,
I was so sorry to here about Bill and the great loss to your whole family!!! You and your family were there for me when I was a mixed up, angry teenager. You opened your hearts and home to me and I will never forget the kindness and love I was given by Bill, Gayla, Lisa and Lesley. It took me years to figure out that what I was looking for the whole time I was running away was always right where I first ran away from.... It was always there and I never needed to go anywhere to find it! It is thanks to your family and my sweet moms unconditional love (may God rest her soul) I finally got it!

I am so thankful and a better person for knowing Bill and your family! I am keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers . May you be strength for each other and know you all have another personal gaurdian angel looking out for you and guiding you!

I hope it is comforting to know that Rochelle was there to welcome her dad home!

You are in our thoughts and prayers and if there is anything you need please don't hesitate to let me know! You can find me on Facebook and I will send a card with my phone # and address on it. God bless you and keep you!!

Deepest sympathies,
Jennie (Jaycee) Felter /Gibson

jennifer (jaycee) felter/ gibson - October 20, 2013 at 06:41 PM

JF

“ Jennie Felter-Gibson purchased the In Memory Heart Shaped Music Box for the family of William "Bill" Reid.



Jennie Felter-Gibson - October 20, 2013 at 06:02 PM

LB

“Dearest Lesley, Lisa, Gayla and Family. My heart is very heavy after hearing about Bills passing. I would like to share a poem which helped me through my dads passing.

JUST A MEMORY AWAY

*I'm no longer by your side,
but there's no need to weep,
I've left sweet recollections
I am hoping you will keep.*

*Eternal joy and memories
stay in our hearts forever,
Strengthening our special bond
that parting cannot sever.*

*Now its time to journey on,
so let your faith be strong,
For I am in a better place...
I'm home where I belong.*

*And if time of loneliness
bring sorrow and dismay
Don't despair, for I am there....*

Just a Memory Away

Linda "Hoffman" Barela

Linda Barela - October 20, 2013 at 01:43 PM

RL

“ To us, he will always be "Mr. Reid", a friend, a leader, and a role model. He touched us all with his humble confidence, his caring heart, and his sense of humor. His door was always open and his presense helped bring a diverse group of kids come together as one, during times of political unrest and the youthful uncertainty of the future. We loved him, we deeply share your sorrow, but we also celebrate the gifts of his spirit that we carry with us each day. He will never be forgotten! Hugs from 670 Knights!

*Del Norte Class of 1972
Ray Lyons, Student Body President*

Ray Lyons - October 19, 2013 at 11:08 AM

DE

“ Dear Mrs. Reid, Lisa and Leslie- I was sad to hear of Mr. Reid's death. Your family became my 2nd family when Rochelle and I became best friends back in high school. Throughout the years my memories of you all continue to put a smile on my face. Knowing Mr. Reid is in His presence and at peace is of comfort. Love to you all- Dawn (Bunnell) Edgeington

Dawn (Bunnell) Edgeington - October 19, 2013 at 10:47 AM

KS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Gayla, and your precious family. May the Lord turn His face towards you and give you peace. In His Love~ Karen Shaw

Karen Shaw - October 19, 2013 at 09:33 AM

NH

“ I graduated from Sandia in 1966, and knew Bill as as fair and consistent faculty member and coach. Later my wife and I ended up back at Sandia teaching for many years, and while he was gone by then, I ran into Bill here and there over the years. He always recognized me and had a friendly hello to give me. He was one of the good guys.

Noel Hager

Noel Hager - October 19, 2013 at 09:22 AM

DS

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Dave Slaten - October 18, 2013 at 03:46 PM