



## William "Bill" C. Fischer Jr.

January 13, 1938 - January 19, 2022

On Wednesday, January 19, 2022, William C. "Bill" Fischer, Jr., age 84, of South Park, passed away with family by his side. Beloved husband of the late Barbara (Blohm) Fischer; cherished father of Chris Kasyan, Bill (Danyna) Fischer, Karen (Joe) Lewandowski, and Bob (Holly) Fischer; also survived by five grandchildren as well as nieces and nephews. Bill had a long career at South Park High School, where he worked as a football coach, a wood shop teacher and eventually the Vice Principal. His lengthy career in education allowed him to have an impact on countless students throughout the years. He always maintained that he was "tough but fair." Bill was also an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting in Indiana, PA, one of his favorite hunting spots, and fishing every year from June to September in Erie. Friends received Friday from 3-7 p.m. at the GRIFFITH FUNERAL HOME, INC., 5636 Brownsville Road, (at 6th St.) South Park Twp. (412) 655-4600. Funeral prayer Saturday 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home, with a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of Hope Parish - Nativity Church at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Bill's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorials Processing, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Condolences may be offered for the family at [www.GriffithFH.com](http://www.GriffithFH.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **21**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Griffith Funeral Home, Inc.  
5636 Brownsville Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

## Funeral Mass

JAN **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Nativity Church  
5811 Curry Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236  
(412) 655-3000

# Tribute Wall

DF

“ *Bill & Family, your Dad was a nice person. We are sorry to hear about his passing. Lois Thieret, Butch, Angie, Carley, Rob Thieret, Joe, Terri, Madison and Ashton Thieret. Prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Dee Derbish & Family** - February 27, 2022 at 06:36 PM

DF

“ *Bill and Family, we are so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. Dee, Dave, David, Rayna and Dana Derbish. We just heard about his passing. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.*

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**Dee Derbish & Family** - February 27, 2022 at 06:32 PM

JR

“ *To the entire Fischer Family,  
We are very sorry for your loss. Bill was such a wonderful person and next-door neighbor to us when we lived on Vickers Drive. Always kind and friendly. Rest in peace, Bill.  
Todd, Judi, Aidan and Ava Rongaus*

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**judi Rongaus** - February 17, 2022 at 09:24 PM

DD

“ *Our sympathies and condolences to the Fischer family Bill was a great friend during my teaching years at SPHS. Always helpful.*

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**Domenic DiMattia** - February 04, 2022 at 12:10 PM

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“ To the Fischer family. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Mr. Fischer was someone who was well respected by all. He was always there watching us making sure we were doing what we were supposed to be doing (SPHS) Heaven has gained a great leader and friend.

*Monique Varrati (Eisenmann)*

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**Monique Varrati (Eisenmann)** - January 22, 2022 at 07:43 AM

JR

“ I'm sorry that I couldn't attend the visitation today. I would like to extend my sympathy to the Fischer family. Bill was a good colleague and very helpful to me when I began teaching at SPHS. I will keep him and his family in my thoughts and prayers.

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**John Remensky** - January 21, 2022 at 01:46 PM

DA

“ Mr. Fischer-

*On our first day as freshman, he called us into the auditorium and told us he would not be putting up with the bullshit we pulled in the middle school. Then on the day we graduated, he gave a speech. In that speech, and I am paraphrasing, “This class came into the high school with the worst reputation of any class. Over the last four years, I have not just watched you grow, but I have witnessed the mosts tight knit class ever to walk these halls. It is an honor to retire with the class of 1992.” Not saying we were the best class EVER, but I think Mr. Fischer may have implied that 😊*

*He taught us so much! And he did it in quite a unique way. Whether it was pulling a hat off of someone’s head to teach them not to wear hats in school or when he wore a shirt that said ‘burn this flag’ to teach us to honor the American flag. He taught us we had to earn respect and how to give it. He was strict and yet caring. Thank you for being the best vice principal ever! You were a class act! May you rest in peace knowing you made a difference in so many lives. ❤️*

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**danielle** - January 21, 2022 at 11:00 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" C. Fischer Jr..



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January 20, 2022 at 09:03 PM

PG

“ To The Family of William Fischer:

*May his soul Rest In Peace and may the perpetual light shine upon him.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*/s/ Paul J. Gitnik*

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**Paul Gitnik** - January 20, 2022 at 07:11 PM

SA

“ *Mr. Fischer was a classmate of my father's @ Snowden. So, when I would tease him in the halls of South Park H.S & call him Big Bill, he would tease me back by saying he would call my father and smile. Mr. Fischer will always be remembered as being fair and kind and in return he had our deepest respect. Rest in peace, Mr. Fischer.*

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**SandyGielarowski** - January 20, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" C. Fischer Jr..*



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January 20, 2022 at 12:08 AM

JE

“ We were very lucky to be neighbors for 18 years on Hilldale Dr. Bill & Barb and all 4 kids were a lovely family. My daughter was fortunate to reconnect with Karen recently. Bill & Barb are finally back together in heaven...rest in peace. The Elders

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**Jan Elder** - January 19, 2022 at 10:25 PM

TM

“ I remember Mr. Fisher as a student in High School. I always thought he was a great man and always fair. I also remember his amazing wife who was a secretary at St Joan of arc school. Certainly they are celebrating together



Rest in peace. God bless and be with the family.



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**Tracey McCue** - January 19, 2022 at 09:27 PM

JG

“ Mr Fisher was both one of my neighbors and my football coach from 1960 thru 1964. He was a great guy and my thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

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**jim Guthrie** - January 19, 2022 at 09:19 PM

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“ Cynthia Mika (Gent) lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" C. Fischer Jr.



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**Cynthia Mika (Gent)** - January 19, 2022 at 09:05 PM

PR

“ I graduated in 1971 and remember him as a man of steel. He was wonderful!

Penny Russell - January 19, 2022 at 08:58 PM

LR

“ My prayers and sympathy go to Mr. Fischer’s family at this fragile time in life. Mr. Fischer was a coach and teacher during my high school yrs. He was a teacher you looked up to for stern direction but a good all around person. He was part of my memorable yrs. of high school. May he Rest In Peace💕💕

LaVerne Griffith Reaghard - January 19, 2022 at 08:46 PM

RS

“ Mr Fischer was a great man. I remember him as being a no nonsense, tough man, yet he was also kind and very approachable. Rest in peace, and my thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Russell Schuchman - January 19, 2022 at 08:40 PM

KS

“ I attended school with Bill at Snowden HS and then got to work with him as an assistant football coach and a teacher during most of Bill's years at South Park. He was quick to support the teaching staff with any problems and solved many problems with students before they became something worse. He kept a lot of kids out of trouble by having 'sit downs' with them in his office. A few teachers, too. We shared a lot of hours together with Whitey Criss as lunch room 'monitors' keeping things peaceful for the students to enjoy school more. You knew he always had your back and you would work harder to not disappoint him, He was 'old school' on discipline and how to be a 'friend' to students. We could use more Vice Principals like him in today's schools.

*Ken Scott...SP teacher.*

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**Ken Scott** - January 19, 2022 at 07:27 PM

CR

“ Mr. Fischer was rough on the outside when telling us girls to quit smoking in the bathroom and get to class! But he was a big teddy bear and was always there for us kids!! Thoughts and prayers to his family!!

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**Cheryl Raleigh** - January 19, 2022 at 05:53 PM

KC

“ A great memory from high school, Mr. Fischer in the hallway yelling "Let's go, it's bell time!" Awesome man, he leaves an amazing legacy to South Park High. Deepest sympathies to the entire family, including the South Park School District family and all who graduated and had the benefit of his influence.

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**Kevin Cecotti** - January 19, 2022 at 05:44 PM

TS

“ *Mr. Fischer will always be remembered fondly by myself as well as many others whose lives he touched during his dedicated years at SPHS. My condolences to Bobby and all of the Fischer family. I pray that your fond memories help carry you through this difficult time.*

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**Tracy Marshall Sauer** - January 19, 2022 at 05:39 PM

RS

“ *Sorry for your loss, he will be missed.*

*Our Prayers, Reid and Donna Stewart*

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**Reid Stewart** - January 19, 2022 at 05:29 PM

DP

“ *Mr Fischer was tough on the outside, but a big softie on the inside. He cared about all us kids, and we all respected him. He was the face of SPHS. My condolences.*

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**Dana Palmieri** - January 19, 2022 at 04:48 PM

SM

“ *Mr. Fischer had the tough guy façade, but was always available when you needed a listening ear. Prayers lifted for his family and loved ones. - Shari Scott McAninch*

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**Shari Scott McAninch** - January 19, 2022 at 03:37 PM

CS

“ *Prayers to the Fischer family during this most difficult time.*

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**Cindy Felix Schuchman** - January 19, 2022 at 03:13 PM