



William L. Dubes

October 10, 1923 - January 30, 2012

William L. Dubes, 88, Bismarck, died Monday, January 30, 2012, at Medcenter One Hospital, Bismarck. Services will be held at 11:00 am Thursday, February 9, 2012, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. Burial will be held at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan. There will be no visitation. Cremation has taken place. William was born October 10, 1923, in Sioux City, IA, the son of Wililam and Mae Westlund Dubes. He graduated from Aberdeen, SD, High School in 1941, attended the University of South Dakota, Morningside College, after military service, for his undergraduate degree, and received his Master's degree from the University of Montana. He served in World War II with the 511th parachute infantry of the 11th Airborne in New Guinea, Leyte, Luzan-Manila, and as part of the initial occupation of Japan from 1942 to December 1945. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal with three bronze battle stars, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Presidential Unit Citation, and the Philippine Liberation Medal, as well as campaign ribbons for the Pacific Theatre. He was a member of the championship regimental boxing team while overseas and received an honorable discharge with the rank of 1st Sergeant. He married Patricia Stutenroth in Mobridge, SD, in August 1947. He taught and was assistant coach there for seven years; was employed with Mobil Oil Co. for three years, and continued his career in education with Bismarck High School as a history teacher from 1959 through 1986, including a 11-year tenure as head football coach. He was selected ND High School football coach of the year in 1970.

He loved hunting in the Dakota's up into his 70s. He enjoyed participating in sports in high school and college, continued with baseball and fast-pitch softball as a young adult, started golf in his middle years, becoming a devoted golfer, belonging for many years as a member of Riverwood Golf Assoc. and serving a term as association president. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, the 511th PIR Assoc, VFW, American Legion and Elks Lodge. He leaves his wife of 64 years, Patricia Dubes, Bismarck; one daughter, Ann Laib, Phoenix, AZ; grandson, Max Brittany Hanson and great grandson, Zachary, Phoenix, AZ; and his granddaughter, Megan Laib, Los Angeles, CA. Also surviving are a sister, Jayne Burt Nixon and family, Norfolk, NE; and his sister-in-law, Barbara Stutenroth, Aberdeen, SD. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Margaret Louise Dubes; his son-in-law, Jeff Laib and his parents.

Tribute Wall

DW

“ Pat I am so sorry to read about your loss. Everybody liked Bill he was a great person and I never new about his service to our country. I hope to get to Bismarck this summer & will call you.
Donna Wucetich Billings Mt

Donna Wucetich - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Pat and family my thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time. I played on Bill's teams in the falls of 69,70 & 71. I have many fond memories of those teams and the leadership that Coach Dubes and his coaching staff gave us. Now that I am close to ending up a long career in education and coaching I can say that he was a true mentor to me and many times have thought how would Coach Dubes do this. He impacted many lives over the years both in coaching and in the classroom. What a true mentor and role model. May he rest in peace.

Russ Henegar - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ My deepest sympathy to the Dubes family. I too had the great pleasure of playing football for Mr. Dubes. As a 10 year old batboy for the softball team I could not wait for the moment I played football for him. I had the honor to spend a few hours with him several months ago and listen to him fondly talk about his football teams and players and their weights. I have the greatest respect for Mr. Dubes. He touched many lives. Tim Clausnitzer

Tim Clausnitzer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ To Mr. Dube's family, I was in Mr. Dube's history class back at Bismarck High class of '73. I also had the honor of being one of his student managers on the football team. I know that he was always admired and respected by the students in the class and the members of his teams. Please accept my sympathy. May God bless you.

Jeff Stickney - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ To the Dubes Family -- I too was blessed to have Bill as a teacher at BHS and to watch the games he coached. Looking back I can comfortably say that he is on my list of memorable teachers who left a definite mark in my youth! BHS Class of 1968

Deb Guy Igoe - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ My sincere condolences to the Dubes family. I had Bill as a coach in high school, and did he ever impress upon me the meaning of patience! He commanded the respect of everyone I knew whoever played for and got to know him. Many years after school, I ran into Bill on the golf course, and to my surprise he remembered me. Wow! I was not aware of the sacrifices he made for his country, but I must say it doesn't surprise me in the least. I am a better man for knowing Bill Dubes.

Buzz Benedict - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Sincere condolences to Pat and family from Vera and I, but also thanks for sharing Bill in our lives. I was a marginal football player for Coach Dubes in high school, but he earned my respect for how he treated all his players. My parents were friends of Bill and Pat, and fans of his while he coached many very good BHS teams. He still had my great respect last March when I met him again after 40 years.

Greg Hegedus - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ To the Dubes family: While I did not have the privilege of knowing Bill, I am fortunate to be graced by the legacy of his family that he has left behind. His accomplishments during his lifetime are both remarkable and inspiring. I wish every member of your family the warmth and comfort created by sharing the fond memories you will cherish forever. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Michelle Perkins - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Pat, My daughter called last night to tell me that one of her most favorite BHS teachers passed away. We both are saddened. Kara always felt he made history so vital and enjoyed his lectures. I still remember the time she was absent and asked him for a copy of his notes. He later told me he was stunned. I, of course, knew Bill as a respected, intelligent, friendly fellow teacher at BHS. He was certainly one I looked up to. My sympathies to you and your family.
Marcia Christianson Math Dept. BHS Mission Viejo, CA

Marcia Christianson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I didn't have him as a teacher, but he was always friendly. Got to know him better on the golf course. I'm always surprised when reading the obits of the old military vets of their service records. True heroes! I hope Bill and my dad get a few more rounds in now.

Phil Huseby - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Coach Dubes was a wonderful coach that led us to two WDA Conference titles. He was also a great US History teacher as well. I always enjoyed being on his teams and in his class room. The last time I saw coach was on the golf course where he remembered me playing on his championship teams and my actual playing weight to the pound! My sincerest condolences to the the entire family of this wonderful man. Kindest regards, Jim Binegar

Jim Binegar - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Ann, Please know that I, along with many more of your Bismarck classmates, are thinking of you with prayers and love at this time. God Bless! Mary Carlson Baird

Mary Carlson Baird - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ I extend my sympathy to the Dubes family and to Ann, my beautiful and intelligent classmate, on the death of her father. Had I known as much as I now know about Bill from his obituary, I would have been even more impressed with this great coach, teacher and leader of men. He was a true American hero and a fine example to all athletes who were privileged to have him as coach during those hot summer pre-season workouts north of Hughes Field and during the weekend contests defending Bismarck High's honor home and away. I will remember him fondly, with respect and with great pride for having known him. His wisdom, grit and humor made us better men. His was a life of service to his family, the Nation, his community and school... it was a life well-lived and to be celebrated in death. God bless Bill, and all of you, as he journeys on to Heaven. Lee Petersen BHS 1967 NCAA Division I All-American

Lee Petersen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I met Bill and Pat many many years ago playing on a fast pitch softball team with Bill. He was an exceptional player, a great team mate and always a positive leader. He left his positive mark on all of us. It was an honor to know Bill and to claim him as a friend. So many of us in this community have been touched by Bill...all the athletes he coached..the people he played sports with...those he taught with. RIP.

Ron Carlson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ My condolences to Pat and family. I played a lot of golf, volleyball and basketball with Bill over the years. I will miss sharing stories about athletics, politics and life in general. I consider it a privilege to have known and shared a friendship with such a wonderful person. Our golf group will never be the same without Bill!

Al Breuer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Dear Ann and Pat, I am so sorry to hear that Bill I will always think of him as Mr. Dubbs passed away. What a great man! I have wonderful memories of your family. My prayers are with you. Kay Schlosser

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Kay Petersen Schlosser - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Pat & Family, Barb and I will be unable to attend Bill's funeral however, we would like to extend our sympathy for your loss. I played golf for many years with Bill and always enjoyed his wisdom, his sportsmanship and company. Bill was a tuff competitor I think the older he got the more he liked to compete. Bill was one of the few people I know who could shot his age in golf and he wasn't happy if he didn't. A GREAT GUY! Bill is a true hero, his service to his country and his community was above and beyond. He will be missed greatly by his golf buddies and all his friends. Jim and Barb Gaarder Bismarck

Jim Gaarder - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Because we are far from Bismarck and unable to be present at Bill's funeral, Elaine and I use this means to extend our sincere sympathy to you, Pat, and to all of your family. Bill and I worked together for many years. He was a true professional: respected by his students, loved by his peers, and dedicated to his school and community. He will be missed. Jeff and Elaine Geiger

Jeff and Elaine Geiger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I had William as a History teacher in the 70's and he was a very kind ,caring and understanding teacher...may he rest in Peace and I thank you all for sharing his life with us as students! God Bless you all!

Julie Harry Hoiby-Kuhn - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM