

William R. Murray Memorial Endowment



William R. Murray was a devoted husband and father who worked hard and played hard all of his life. He thoroughly enjoyed life, and he loved spending time with family and friends. Everyone who knew Bill liked him. He was a man full of life and full of love. Bill was very much a people person. He always managed to find the good in people, no matter how hidden or nonexistent it appeared to the rest of the world.

Bill was a major sports fan. While he loved his New York Giants and New York Mets, he truly enjoyed local sporting events. Bill was a regular at the Westfield Whips women's fast pitch softball games.

He enjoyed watching them so much, it inspired him to volunteer as a girl's fast pitch softball coach in Westfield. Bill religiously attended his daughters' softball, basketball, and soccer games from grade school through college. He was also a fan of the Raybestos Brakettes women's fast pitch team, the UCONN Huskies women's basketball team, and the WNBA.

Bill always had time for his family, his friends, the church, and even a stranger in need. Unfortunately, Bill lost a short battle with cancer in 1999. He is sorely missed each and every day by all who knew and loved him.

This scholarship was established and funded by Bill's business partner, James Avery. It is a testament to Bill's giving spirit, love and support of athletics, and his desire to support education. Bill believed strongly in the value of team sports for all of his daughters, so this scholarship is designated for a female scholar athlete from Westfield.

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