



William D. Say

April 15, 1948 - August 11, 2023

William D. Say, 75, a well-known retired Oil City area schoolteacher and golf enthusiast, passed away Friday morning at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh following a brief illness.

Born in West Freedom (Perry Twp.), Clarion Co. on April 15, 1948, he was the son of the late Pershing E. And Mildred H. Wallace Say.

Graduating from Allegheny-Clarion Valley School at Foxburg in 1966, he pursued his education at Penn State University earning his Bachelor's Degree in 1971. While at Penn State, he participated in the PSU Study Abroad Program at Salamanca, Spain in the spring of 1969. Bill was a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) social fraternity. He kept in close touch with many of the members and enjoyed visits and trips with those members.

His teaching career began in 1971 as a Spanish Teacher in the former Junior High Bldg. on Spring St in Oil City, and spent the remainder of his career teaching Senior High students at Lynch Blvd, retiring in 2002.

He was a member of Foxburg Country Club where he was Club Champion in 1965. He enjoyed playing with a group from there for over twenty years traveling to Toftrees Resort to golf at State College, Pa.

Bill was a member of the former Wanango Country Club where he was Mens' Club Champion

In 1991, 93, 96, 98, and 99. Bill held the distinction also of earning nine Holes-in-One during his golfing time.

In addition to being a dedicated school teacher and avid golfer, he loved

fishing. He liked to tie flies and fish the streams and lakes around Oil City. He made many trips to Oregon to fish with his cousin Warren Wallace on the Deschutes River. Many hours of local fishing were spent with good friend Steve Balot of Oil City.

Bill spent many years hunting locally with his best friend Jim DeLong of Titusville. He had years of hunting with his Say family members, especially the uncles and the numerous Beagle hunting dogs they shared.

He had a life-long love of music, especially enjoying the artists and songs of the 1950s and 1960s.

Bill is survived by his sister-in-law Debbie Say of Shippenville and his brother and wife Brett and Monica Say of Pittsburgh. Also survived by Aunt Mary Kroh of Brookville.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Edward R. Say and nephew Matt Say.

Bill insisted there be no visitation or funeral service, but asked that friends play a round of golf, listen to oldies, or do something that brings joy to his memory.

Tribute Wall

CM

“ So sorry to see this post of Bill’s passing. He was always a bunch of laughs in school. He and his brother were my second cousins. Rest in peace,cousin.

Carolyn Emery Myers - August 21, 2023 at 10:34 PM

GW

“ I had Mr. Say for 2 years of Junior High Spanish, at the old Oil City Junior High on Spring Street. Great memories of his class, learning a language and also listening to the oldies from 50's and 60's on occasion!

Gary Walentoski - August 16, 2023 at 04:08 PM

JU

“ Sending love and light to all of Rudy’s family and friends. My earliest memories involve him and my dad taking what felt like forever to drill a hole in the ice to catch a fish to him, my Dad, Uncle Mark and my husband winning a golf outing together and making the paper! Blessed to have had him be a friend to my father a part of my story. Rest in peace.

Julie - August 15, 2023 at 10:45 PM

TD

“ My condolences on the passing of Rudy. He was a good man, fierce competitor on the course, and a true gentleman. I had the privilege of knowing him for half a century and always enjoyed his company.

Tim Dale - August 15, 2023 at 06:50 PM

HB

“ I had the privilege of being one of his first Spanish students at OCJHS. I look back on those days fondly because I enjoyed his classes so much, especially the loud singing we did to try to be heard from the 4th floor by the Administration office 2 floors down. His time singing at Penn State made him a good leader in that regard.

Hugh Benedict - August 15, 2023 at 03:48 PM

CM

“ I have many memories of Bill from ACV high school. He was such a great guy, very active in sports. My deepest condolences go out to his family. Charlene McMurdy

Charlene McMurdy - August 15, 2023 at 12:13 PM

KM

“ My Condolences to your family. Mr. Say was a great teacher. He was my Spanish teacher for 4 years. Even though I hated it, he was able to make it fun and I was able to catch on. He was always there when I needed help and would work with me until I got it.
"Acompanamos a su familia en el sentimiento"

Kayla McNatt-Paszkowski - August 15, 2023 at 08:46 AM