



William L. Westphal

October 12, 1950 - December 3, 2015

William L. "Bill" Westphal passed away on December 3, 2015, at the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center in Easton, MD. He was 65.

Born October 12, 1950, in Milwaukee, WI, he was the son of the late William R. and Shirley Tennison Westphal.

Bill attended the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He was a Gemological Institute of America graduate, studying jewelry design, stone grading and evaluation. Bill married the former Lisa Wall on August 18, 1973, in Cleveland, OH, and they moved to Denton, MD, where they lived for 22 years before moving to Trappe.

Bill and his wife Lisa established Westphal Jewelers in Easton, MD, which they owned and operated for 40 years. Westphal was original designed jewelry is a treasured gift of many proud recipients. Through his work as an accomplished jeweler, Bill was an inspiration to countless cherished customers and friends. Bill and Lisa believed that charity began at home. Their generosity had a huge span throughout many local worthy charities.

He was an enthusiastic supporter of the town of Easton. The late Mayor George Murphy appointed Bill to head the board of the Easton Business Management Authority in 1993. He spearheaded numerous art, entertainment

and community events, motivating other business leaders to join in the effort. He worked tirelessly, creating a successful partnership between the downtown businesses and the town government. He directed the first joint marketing campaign branding Easton as a visitor destination. Bill was also a member of Saints Peter & Paul Church.

Baseball was Bill's passion. Beloved coach for Trappe Baseball, he mentored so many of Talbot County's youth for 13 years bringing much pride and many championships to his team. They were his "other kids." He lived by his coaching motto – heart and hustle.

The family gives special thanks to Chris Evans and to David Smith and his oncology staff. They also thank of all of their friends for their prayers and unfailing encouragement and support.

He loved his family immensely and unconditionally. He touched thousands of lives and was a friend to everyone he met. He always had a story to share. He is survived by his wife Lisa and daughter Alissa of Charlotte, NC; a brother, Robert Westphal of Cudahy, WI; sister-in-law, Kathy (Bernie); nephews, Brendan and John; and their families all of Portland, OR. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Michael Westphal.

A Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated December 26, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Easton.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions may be made in Bill's honor to your favorite local charity or to Home Run Baker/Trappe Little League .

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **26**. 1:30 PM (ET)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
1210 South Washington Street
Easton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *William L. Westphal*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William L. Westphal*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I umpired baseball games where he coached. I loved his teaching methods and his interaction with me during games. Rest in peace.*

*Carlton N. Bryan
Cambridge, Maryland*

Carlton Bryan - December 28, 2015 at 11:29 AM



“ *Our sincerest sympathies. He will be greatly missed....he always had a hug for me when we visited the store, especially when we came from Colorado. My last visit he was so very proud of his ball team of the past spring!*

*I am also honored to own a piece of jewelry he designed for me.
The family remains in our prayers.
Neil and Diane Swan*

Neil and Diane Swan - December 26, 2015 at 02:27 PM

SP

“ *Bill Westphal was a very special man whom I admired dearly. His love and compassion for the kids who played for him was amazing. His dedication to the kids went beyond the baseball field. He truly cared for them and what they did. I will always remember what a wonderful man he was. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.*

Sharon Palmer & Rashaad Harris

Sharon Palmer - December 25, 2015 at 08:28 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of William L. Westphal.*



December 23, 2015 at 01:17 PM

PS

“ *We are deeply saddened and send our thoughts and prayers to the Westphal family. Bill designed and created Debbie's wedding ring and a matching bracelet. Their beauty will always remind us of his extraordinary artistic talent and warm and caring heart. We thank him for his enduring gift to us. Peter and Deborah Smith*

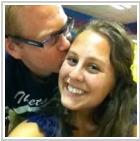
Peter Smith - December 21, 2015 at 09:18 AM

LM

“ Dear Lisa and Alyssa,

The Montgomery family in Denton sends their love during this sad time. I will always remember your thoughtfulness with our daughter, Allison during the years she babysat Alyssa. We send comfort during this difficult time.

Louise Montgomery - December 20, 2015 at 08:53 PM



“ Coach Bill was a wonderful person and allowed me to help coach with him. He always wanted my thoughts on many game situations. I really appreciated that. I have many memories of us goofing off with the players, while also teaching them many lessons through baseball. He had a true passion for the game and I'm a better man for knowing him. His lessons will definitely live on through his players and I.



"Scoop'em up ice cream!"

My thoughts and prayers to the Westphal family,

Brady Gustafson

Brady Gustafson - December 17, 2015 at 08:46 AM

PF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you today and in the days to come, Lisa and Alyssa. Bill left quite a legacy!

Penny Finkner - December 16, 2015 at 11:37 PM

 Lucas Pullen

“ Coach Bill had so many sayings to keep you laughing. "Nice scoop ice cream", "hot dog", "through the wickets", and so many more. Keep teaching those relays Coach, and when you see us still playing down here, don't forget to "Smile and wave"! "Bubba" and I tried to remember as many Coach Bill sayings as we could on our way to school this morning. There were many!

*We will miss you Coach!
Lucas Pullen and family!
Including Bubba! (Tucker)*

Lucas Pullen - December 16, 2015 at 07:40 AM

SH

“ Lisa,

I am shocked and saddened to read this. I send my deepest sympathies to you. As it happens, today is my 2nd wedding anniversary - our rings were very special upon their creation with Bill, and they will forever serve as a reminder of my time with both of you to make one of the best days in my life possible.

May you find strength in the bond you shared and the warmth brought to so many.

-Shane Walker

Shane - December 15, 2015 at 03:33 PM

DS

“ There is not a thing that I would change about the years of baseball I played for you. From 4 hour car rides at 3 am with you to infield drills, those were things I will never forget. There is certain people in your life that leave a major impact on your childhood and you were certainly one of them. It took me a while to realize, but your coaching was never about the game, it was about the little things like teamwork, confidence and laughter. We could have absolutely no chance of coming back in a game and somehow you always found a way to make the team smile and keep going. I couldn't thank you enough for everything you did for me, you will be truly missed. Mrs. Lisa, my family's thoughts and prayers go out to you.



Dallas Strickland - December 09, 2015 at 01:21 PM

LF

“ Our thoughts are with you and your family. Bill was always so much fun to work with; never held back his opinion, which is helpful when you could not decide! My ring sparkles, as he promised it would, just a couple of weeks ago! I hope he knows how happy I am with it. Peace.

Laurie Frame - December 08, 2015 at 09:46 AM

LM

“ Lisa and family - My heart is heavy for your loss. Know that I hold you in my prayers.

Linda

Linda Mastro - December 07, 2015 at 09:34 AM

NG

“ So very sorry for your loss. Love and prayers to you. God bless you!
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Nancy Glenn - December 06, 2015 at 07:20 PM

CW

“ Continuing to say prayers for you, Lisa and Alyssa. Bill was such a good man and sweet friend. He will be greatly missed.



Carol and Wendy - December 06, 2015 at 05:39 PM

PF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family.



Phil Foster - December 06, 2015 at 03:02 PM

JH

“ What a gentleman! Mr. Bill was a real asset to the community and will be deeply missed!

Jane Haley - December 05, 2015 at 10:22 PM

GL

Lisa dear...my heart is broken. Gail

Gail lewis - December 06, 2015 at 06:51 PM

JD

Lisa, we are heartbroken. You and your daughter are in our prayers.

Jeanie and Jim Duncan - December 06, 2015 at 07:11 PM

DD

So sorry for your loss Lisa. My thoughts and prayers r with u and your family. Dianne Dulin

Dianne Dulin - December 06, 2015 at 07:48 PM

PC

“ *So sorry Lisa for you and your family and friends. He will truly be missed. Prayers being said.*



Polly & Win Carroll - December 04, 2015 at 06:01 PM