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Bill Harper, 52, of Frazeytsburg, Ohio died Tuesday morning, April 7, 2015 in Newark, Ohio.

Born February 20, 1963 in Zanesville, Ohio he is the son of Bill and Ruth (Ayers) Harper of Frazeytsburg. Bill was a 1981 graduate of Tri-Valley High School and he attended West Liberty University. He was a former retail manager at Meijer, Inc. of Newark and at Harry & David in Heath, Ohio. Bill was also a self-employed carpenter. He was a member of Meadow View Church of Christ in Frazeytsburg and the 12th Man Club at Tri-Valley High School. He was very active in coaching Tri-Valley Bidy League football and Little League baseball. Bill was very instrumental in the formation and construction of Frew Memorial Park in Frazeytsburg. He enjoyed all Tri-Valley sports and woodworking.

Surviving in addition to his parents is his wife, Johanna (Winter) Harper whom he married August 27, 1993; a son, Jake Harper and a daughter, Ashley Harper, all of Frazeytsburg. Also surviving is his sister and brother in-law, Lisa and John McMullen of Zanesville, a nephew, Tony (Aubrey) Ripple of Nashport, a niece, Erica Ripple of Columbus, Ohio and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Calling hours will be 2 to 4pm and 6 to 8pm Friday, April 10, 2015 at the Meadow View Church of Christ, 6750 Raiders Road, Frazeytsburg.

Funeral services will be 11:00am Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Meadow View Church of Christ with Minister Sam Dunn officiating. Burial will be in Frazeytsburg Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Tri-Valley 12th Man Club, Care of: Shannon Nezbeth, Treasurer, 5825 Hillandale Dr., Nashport, Ohio 43830.



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DK

Debra Kirkpatrick posted:

Bill was a great guy. Always happy and smiling. Sorry for your loss.

April 29 at 6:55 AM

YO

Young posted:

May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief.

April 15 at 12:48 PM

CW

Carol Fogle-Wallace posted:

Bill, Ruth and family, Dave and I were so sorry to hear of Billy's passing. We have always thought of him as Billy. The years have passed too quickly. We pray that God's peace will surround you, His love will comfort you and that the love of family and friends will be with you in this time of such sorrow.

April 15 at 7:39 AM

DW

Dave Fogle And Carol Fogle-Wallace posted:

Bill, Ruth and family, Dave and I were so saddened to hear of Billy's passing. We are praying that the God of all peace will wrap you in His arms and give you that peace that passes all understanding.

April 15 at 7:33 AM

SB

Shawn Butler posted:

Thoughts and prayers to the Harper family. I worked with Bill at Meijer. I could always count on Bill to bring a smile to my face and brighten my day. He was a great man and will be missed by everyone he knew. God bless.

April 15 at 3:37 AM

DF

Donna & Jerry Frazier posted:

You are in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.

April 14 at 3:51 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Bill & Ruth, We were so sorry to hear of your son's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Larry And Darlene Pickering

April 11 at 11:37 AM



Ralph Howard, Jr. posted:

Bill & Ruth: Sorry to hear of the passing of your son. I did not know your son but knew both of you. I lived in Frazeysburg many years ago. May GOD comfort you in this very difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and the rest of the family. Ralph & Linda Howard

April 11 at 7:21 AM



Angie Boyd posted:

My condolences to the Harper family. I had the wonderful privilege to work with Bill at the Newark Meijer. May God Bless you during this difficult time.

April 11 at 3:37 AM



Howard Dunlap posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

April 11 at 2:20 AM



Harold An Betty Garey posted:

Your in Our Thoughts an in Our Prayers

April 10 at 4:15 PM



Doug & Judy Elekes posted:

BILL & RUTH SO SAD TO HEAR THAT YOUR SON HAS PAST MAY GOD BE WITH YOU THIS SAD MOMENT GOD BLESS

April 10 at 3:23 PM



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JH

Julie Hall posted:

Johanna, I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family.

April 10 at 10:11 AM

WM

Wendy Mcnamara posted:

Bill, Ruth, Jo, Ashley and Jake, We all have so many memories of Bill, especially with all of our children growing up together. Bidy League Football stands out in my mind the most, and our annual Thanksgiving at Halloween Dinner! Those were the fun times. I am still shocked and saddened about the loss of Bill, but the one thing that gets me through times like this is knowing that we share the same beliefs and we will see each other again someday in Heaven. Bill cared very deeply for his family, his extended family, and friends of family so I know that we all have a new guardian angel looking over us and our children each day. Jo, remember sitting on the sidelines during the football games and how we would motion to Bill to simmer down? I can only imagine him watching football looking down from Heaven and God telling him to simmer down now. Sending all of you my love, thoughts and prayers during this time.

April 10 at 8:09 AM

DF

Diana Flanagan posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

April 10 at 3:54 AM

TN

Tom & Marsha Nethers posted:

To the family, we are sorry for your loss.

April 9 at 7:21 PM

CM

Carl And Sharon Miller posted:

Dear JoHanna, Jake and Ashley, We are so sorry about Bill's passing. We pray that you will feel the Lord's arms about you and the prayers of those who care about you.

April 9 at 6:42 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Bill & Ruth, We were so sorry to hear of your son's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Dale & Carole Powell

April 9 at 5:42 PM



Kathy Walker-Granger posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss Johanna. You'll be in my thoughts and prayers.

April 9 at 4:56 PM



Gina posted:

To the Harper family, I am so sorry for your loss. I'm glad to have had the opportunity to have meet all of you. I'm just sorry it was under these surcumstances. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

Gina (ICU poct)

April 9 at 4:53 PM



Lee Bugglin posted:

I had the privilege of getting to know Bill through football, where we coached our sons together. He was very passionate about the game but even more passionate about the lessons the game game teaches. He made it a point to drive these lessons home with kids at every opportunity. He often did so at a high volume that was misunderstood by some - but to the kids and his friends - it was an obvious expression of his love for the kids and the game. I can tell you first hand that his impression on the kids was positive, profound, and life long. My family and I later sat with Bill and his family at the football games. He was a true Tri Valley fan and we enjoyed many great moments cheering on the boys and making memories that will live for years to come. He was always talking about his kids and his wife and the enjoyment that they brought to him. He was a good friend and a great family man. I know that Bill will live on in the fond memories of his freinds and family. I hope that you find comfort in faith, family, and friends in your time of need.

April 9 at 4:31 PM



Donnie & Connie Allen posted:

To all of the Harper family and friends of Billy- we are saddened by his passing and pray for your comfort, strength and peace at this most difficult time.

April 9 at 4:17 PM



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FL

Frank Large posted:

Johanna,I am so sorry for your loss. There are so many memories from the years that we all worked together at Meijer and then I was blessed when I found Bill again at Harry and David. The memories will last a life time and hopefully bring you some comfort during this time. My prayers are with you.

April 9 at 3:54 PM

PA

Patty Nethers-Angler posted:

Bill & Ruth and family I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

April 9 at 3:15 PM

DH

Dave Handley posted:

To the Harper Family,I was deeply saddened to hear of Bill's passing. May the fact that he touched the lives of so many help console you during this difficult time. God Bless,

April 9 at 2:36 PM

MP

Marilyn Patton posted:

Bill, Ruth and Family, I am sorry to hear about your Bill. May your faith help guide you through this difficult time.

April 9 at 12:15 PM

RR

Randy Roberts posted:

Johanna and family,So sorry for your loss. Lots of great memories and lots of stories that we continue to share from our times spent together. Bill will always live on through these memories.

April 9 at 11:15 AM

JS

John Strickling posted:

Johanna and family. My prayers are with you in this time of mourning.I have fond memories of Bill and know that he will be greatly missed.

April 9 at 10:30 AM



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DP

Donna Paulsen posted:

To Johanna and family. My deepest condolences for the loss of your husband. May God keep and your family in the palm of his hands.

April 9 at 8:08 AM

CF

Curtis Family posted:

Bill will be remembered as great father and terrific coach. Our sympathies for his family.

April 9 at 8:04 AM

DS

David Stokes posted:

Ruth & Bill Harper & Family: My deepest sympathy regarding the loss of your son, Bill. I would often see and speak to him at Meijer's, Newark. May he Rest in Peace. Your Friend

April 9 at 7:54 AM

DS

Darla Stanley posted:

I am so sorry to hear of your loss, worked with Bill at HD, he was a good man thoughts and prayers be with you.

April 9 at 7:04 AM

LN

Larry Nethers posted:

To Ruth, Bill and to all of the Harper family, Sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Larry and Nancy Nethers

April 9 at 7:00 AM

HO

Holly posted:

I am so sorry for your loss Bill and Ruth you will be in my thought and prayers

April 9 at 6:55 AM



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SH

Stephanie House posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

April 9 at 6:30 AM

JA

John Alford posted:

Jake and family. We r so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. We enjoyed talking with him at the football games. He was a good guy. The Alford's.

April 9 at 4:22 AM

KS

Kathy Sterling posted:

Thoughts and prayers to all the Family. My god comfort you all . God Bless

April 9 at 4:10 AM

BJ

Betty James posted:

So sorry for your loss. I worked with Bill at Meijer and he was one funny guy. May the Lord comfort you today, and in the days to come.

April 9 at 4:00 AM

DF

Diane (Cordle) Frye posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy to Johanna and family. I remember Bill has a sweet man and I had the pleasure of working for both of you at Newark Meijer in the mid 1990s. Johanna, you and your children and family are in my prayers. "Come to me, all you that are weary...and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28

April 9 at 3:36 AM

DM

Doug Mills posted:

Sorry to here of the loss of your son.

April 9 at 3:25 AM



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PP

Pam (Moran) Parrill posted:

To all of Billy's family: I am so sorry to hear of Billy's passing. I went to school with him from 1st to 12th grade. Lots of good and funny memories of him. May your faith in Jesus Christ comfort you now and in the days to come. My deepest sympathies and prayers...

April 9 at 3:05 AM

KS

Kim Sebach-Snyder posted:

Please know that all of your family are in our thoughts and prayers. He will be missed by so many..

April 9 at 3:00 AM

SR

Steve & Cindy Rector posted:

Bill, Ruth & Family....We are so sorry for your loss. You all remain in our continued thoughts and prayers.

April 9 at 1:35 AM

RE

Riita Emrich posted:

Bill was an inspiration to many. He was so full of life and active. I was blessed to have worked with him at Harry and David. God bless his family and guide them through this season.

April 9 at 12:48 AM

PP

Patti Pool posted:

I will always regret not staying in touch with Bill. His positive pleasant attitude was contagious. I will miss him, we will all miss him. Condolences to the whole family!

April 8 at 5:43 PM

LS

Lance Sheppard posted:

Bill was a larger than life person and you always knew when he was around. He had the most upbeat and positive attitude of anyone I have known. Even with the horrible personal hurdles he faced he never let it get him down. I will always remember him as the strong and kind man I worked with at Harry and David! My heart goes out to all who knew him.

April 8 at 5:30 PM



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TK

Ted Krugel posted:

Thought's and prayers going out to the Harper family...Many great memories of Bill from my Meijer days...So sorry for your loss

April 8 at 5:24 PM

JG

Jason And Trudy Gabbard posted:

Many prayers to Johanna and Jake, and Ashley and the entire family. I'm sorry to hear of the loss Billy. May God wrap his arms around you all.

April 8 at 5:16 PM

TP

Tom Cheri Penick posted:

Harper family so sadden for your loss! He was a good person! Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

April 8 at 5:11 PM

MB

Misty Burke posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with Bill at Harry and David and he was a wonderful person always making everyone around him happy. He will be missed.

April 8 at 4:26 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our prayers are with you. Mona Miller and Daryl Miller

April 8 at 4:24 PM

BW

Brenda Dayton-Willis posted:

To all of the Harper Family, so sorry for your loss. I grew up in Frazeyburg, and remember Bill quite well. I also used to work with Bill and Johanna at Meijer for many years.

April 8 at 4:16 PM



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PW

Peggy Bay-Warren posted:

Thoughts and prayers for the family. I went to high school with Billy and Lisa.

April 8 at 3:49 PM



Anonymous posted:

We know how much Bill will be missed. He was a fine man. We will pray for you, Johanna and Ashley and Jake, that you can keep his memory alive with your love and memories of his gifts to your family. Judy and John Hansen and Linda Holcombe

April 8 at 2:55 PM

RD

Rossann Ramsey-Davis posted:

To all the family, so very sorry for your loss and pain. May God comfort and guide you through this time of grief.

April 8 at 2:15 PM

SH

Sherry Clark Hammond posted:

I have known Bill since kindergarten. He was strong in his faith. He was a good family man, son, husband, brother and father. He will be deeply missed by many. To Bill's family you have my deepest sympathy.

April 8 at 2:03 PM

Jl

Jeannie Iler posted:

I am deeply saddened by this. My thoughts are with Johanna and the entire family. I'm so sorry for your loss.

April 8 at 1:49 PM

AS

Andrea Salahub posted:

I was so sorry to learn of the passing of Bill. I have such wonderful memories of him as a student at Frazeyburg. I was additionally blessed to have been the teacher of his wonderful son and daughter. It is with great sadness to learn that Bill will no longer be here. Sending prayers to his entire family.

April 8 at 1:32 PM



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LC

Linda Cohagen posted:

To all of Bill's family, I am so sorry for your great loss. I only remember him as "Billy" from grade school on! He was always so funny and nice to everyone. He will be remembered with a smile from so many. May God bless you all. You are in my prayers.

April 8 at 1:18 PM

LB

Lorie Bash posted:

Johanna and family, So sorry for your loss. I was saddened to hear that Bill had passed away. Bill was a great guy. It was a pleasure to work with him @ Meijer. Keeping you all in my prayers.

April 8 at 1:01 PM

KK

Kim And Joe Kinder posted:

To Lisa and family, So sorry for the loss of your brother. We are thinking of all of you at this difficult time.

April 8 at 12:52 PM

DW

David Waggoner posted:

To Bill, Ruth and the entire Harper family. I'm so very sorry to hear of your great loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

April 8 at 12:47 PM

JF

Judy Ferrell posted:

I went to high school with Bill. Class of 1981. Deepest Sympathies to his family. Always a great guy.

April 8 at 12:26 PM

CS

Chuck & Heidi Slisher posted:

A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and minds, through us, they live on. Jo and family, please accept our condolences, he will not be forgotten. We will always remember his jolly smile!

April 8 at 12:17 PM



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KF

Kevin Flood posted:

To all the Harper family, I am so saddened and sorry for your loss. Bill and I played football and coached football together. Always a smile, laugh, truly one of the good guys. You all are in my prayers.
Kevin Flood

April 8 at 12:00 PM

LD

Lisa Darner posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Bill will be greatly missed. Jamie, Lisa and Cameron Darner

April 8 at 11:32 AM

LB

Leslie Benner posted:

To Johanna and family, My deepest condolences to you for your loss. Bill was such a nice man. God be with you at this difficult time.

April 8 at 11:29 AM

DB

Debbie Boggs posted:

Sorry for your loss I will be praying for the Family

April 8 at 11:00 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bill by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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