



William "Bill" Arthur Nordberg
July 29, 2015



William "Bill" Arthur Nordberg, 89, of Mansfield, passed away, after a brief illness on Wednesday, July 29, 2015. He was the beloved husband, of 49 years, of Mary L. (Lynch) Nordberg, who passed away in 2005. Born June 18, 1926 in Norwood, MA, he was the son of the late William G. Nordberg and Anelia 'Nellie' F. (Vaikasas) Nordberg.

Bill was a graduate, and Vice President, of Mansfield High School, Class of 1944. He honorably served our country as a member of the Army's 11th Airborne Division, serving in the Philippines during World War II.

Following his military service, he attended Springfield College and graduated with the Class of 1951. While there, he pitched a 3-hit victory for Springfield College against Texas A & M in the College World Series in Omaha, NE in 1951. He was recognized as the Most Outstanding Right Handed Pitcher of the 1951 College World Series.

'Fireball Bill' or 'The Swede,' was drafted and signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1951 and played minor league ball until becoming a teacher and

coach in 1956. He lived and taught in Baltimore, MD before moving back to Massachusetts, where he taught physical education and was "Coach" for 25 years at the John J. Ahern Intermediate School in Foxboro. As a coach, he made sure that his athletes understood that sportsmanship, teamwork and respect were more important than winning, losing, or any individual, personal accomplishments.

He is survived by his five children: Karen E. Tolbert and her husband Jayson of Attleboro, MA, Linda J. Ruff of Springfield, VA, William A. Nordberg Jr. and his wife Linda of Mansfield, MA, John D. Nordberg and his wife Lynn of Mansfield, MA, and James G. Nordberg and his wife Lisa of Attleboro, MA. He was also father of the late Kevin A. Nordberg. He is also survived by two brothers: Edward P. Nordberg and his wife Carol of Glen Arm, MD and Richard J. Nordberg and his wife Netty of Woodbridge, VA.

He leaves 14 grandchildren, Jay and his wife Amanda, Chris, Matthew, Michael, and Joseph Nordberg, Erica, Robert, and Rachel Nordberg, Abby, Molly, and Garret Ruff, Sarah and Jimmy Nordberg, and Emily Tolbert, and 1 great-grandchild, Jayden Nordberg, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's Parish in Mansfield, where he had previously served as a CCD teacher and church volunteer for many years.

Bill was a passionate golfer and fan of all sports. He was an avid viewer and armchair participant of the television show Jeopardy and was dubbed the 'historian' of the fraternity that is the Honey-Dew coffee

shop crew.

Arrangements being made by the Bolea-Amici Funeral Home, 115 North Main Street in Mansfield. A Funeral Mass will be Celebrated at St. Mary's Church, 330 Pratt Street (Rte. 106) in Mansfield on Tuesday August 4 at 10:30am. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Visiting hours will be held on Monday August 3 from 4-8 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601 or by visiting www.lung.org.

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