



## William Northrup II

February 28, 1942 - October 8, 2025

Our beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, and uncle left this earth on October 8, 2025 surrounded by family.

He was a teacher and coach from 1965 after graduating from Bowling Green State University. He later earned a Master of Education in History and a Master of Education in School Administration, both from Kent State University.

He became principal of Thomas Worthington High School in 1988 until he retired 10 years later. Then he lead education sales with Design Group Architects and later was a consultant for AdvanEd and a consultant for the International Center for Leadership in Education. Traveling around the country from New York City to Monroe, Louisiana working with underperforming school districts.

He was active in the Worthington community serving as vice president and president of the Friends of Worthington Library Board and as a member of PCC's Grandparents Circle.

He was a member of Linworth United Methodist Church.

During his career he was a presenter at several educational conferences including the National Association of Secondary School Principals. In 2017 he was awarded the BGSU College Alumni award for the College of Education

and Human Development.

Along with his wife Gretchen and other family members, he traveled to Europe and many of the American Western states. He became an accomplished photographer compiling numerous picture books of family trips and family events.

Internment will be November 9th at the Linworth United Methodist Church with a celebration of life during the month of February.

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ I will always remember Bill (and Gretchen) as good friends. He was principal at Orrville HS when I came back to Orrville from coaching in Kansas and I was principal at the Junior High. The memories I have of him are wonderful and I hope to see him in heaven. Our sympathies to you, Gretchen.

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**Keith Hamsher** - November 06, 2025 at 04:15 PM

KM

“ Gretchen, I so enjoyed when you brought Bill's photo books to book club. He captured so much beauty. I didn't meet him often, but anytime our paths crossed he always had a smile and kind words.

My heart goes out to you and your family as you process his moving on.

Love, Kim Mason



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**Kim Mason** - November 01, 2025 at 09:29 AM

LF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a great asset to the Friends of Worthington Libraries. My heart goes out to Gretchen and the entire Northrup family. --Lisa Fuller

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**Lisa Fuller** - October 23, 2025 at 04:21 PM

BL

“ I am very thankful to have had Bill as my principal and role model for my growth as a new husband, father, teacher and coach when I came to TWHS. Bill’s love for everything about Worthington and his care for everyone around him made him someone I’ve aspired to become like. God bless you Bill.

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**Brian Luthy** - October 22, 2025 at 11:04 AM

LG

“ A truly nice man . . . friendly, supportive, compassionate, funny, etc., etc., etc.. I will always smile when I remember Bill.

Larry Gay  
Linworth AP

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**Lawrence Gay** - October 20, 2025 at 04:44 PM

NG

“ Sorry you have lost Bill. He was principal at Thomas Worthington when my husband, Gary Smith, was a teacher and coach. Bill was kind to and supportive of Gary, allowing him the space to enact his unique gifts as an educator. Bill was also principal during Gary's short cancer illness and death. We appreciate Bill's humanness and authenticity.

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**Niki Gnezda** - October 20, 2025 at 04:21 PM



“ I will always remember Mr. Northrup as my favorite client who loved traveling anywhere and knew exactly what he wanted to do. May he be well remembered by all who knew him. Vanda Henderson

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**Vanda Henderson** - October 20, 2025 at 10:07 AM

RP

“ During my time on staff at Thomas Worthington, I will always remember that Bill took time before every major holiday to come around and visit the classroom of each teacher to wish them a nice break... He was a gentleman and a genuine individual...

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**Ron Pilatowski** - October 18, 2025 at 07:09 AM

KI

“ Thanks for a fifty-year friendship You were always there for me I will miss your laugh and your smile Karl R.Pfaff III

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**Karl R.Pfaff III** - October 16, 2025 at 08:08 AM

ME

“ To Bill's family and close friends; I was saddened to learn that Bill has passed away. Not long ago a few of us who were on the teaching staff in Worthington during Bill's tenure visited and his name came up. There were some good chuckles and I suspect that Bill would have approved

Clearly this period of family transition and adjustment will take time and I trust that God will share with you His perfect peace as you celebrate Bill's life.

May God Bless You All.

Mark Ellwood

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**Mark Ellwood** - October 15, 2025 at 07:59 AM