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David W. "Blue Gill" Higham, age 57 of Morris, died Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at Margaret Mary Health. Born August 4, 1959 in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, he is the son of Juanita (Nee: York) and Carroll Higham. He married Deborah Doll November 29, 1980 at St. Anthony's Church in Morris. A zone leader, he was in his 40th year at the Hill-Rom Company.

Blue Gill was very unselfish and always helping others. Not one to just join, he gave freely of his time to the organizations which he belonged and worked tirelessly at fundraising for them. Some of those include the Morris Volunteer Fire Department, Whitetails Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation and the Knights of Columbus Council #1461. Obviously an avid hunter and fisherman, his family teased that ironically some of his vacation time seemed to always fall on the opening week of deer season. He also looked forward to the fishing trips with his buddies and his passion started early on, as he opened a bait shop at the age of 13. Blue Gill was also an avid sports fan. He coached his son's ball team and for many years played softball himself. He also enjoyed racing, the Reds, "anybody but Cleveland" in football and bowled on several teams. He and Deb still laughed after all these years that during their wedding the priest referred to him several times as Doug and the family fondly remembers their summer beach vacations. They found it hilarious that he would float on his back and all you'd see were these two big feet sticking out of the water. His true passion was being with his grandchildren, whether that was playing cards with them or passing on his love of fishing with them.

He is survived by his wife Deb; daughter and son-in-law Kelli and Michael Westendorf of Cincinnati, Ohio; son and daughter-in-law Kyle and Abbie Higham of Batesville; sisters Janice Uhlmansiek of Aurora, Indiana, Patty LaVelle of Rising Sun, Indiana, Sandy Bruce of Aurora, Indiana; brother Roger Higham of Fountaintown, Indiana as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He is preceded in death by



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his mother Juanita Vankirk; father Carroll Higham; stepmother Evelyn Higham and stepfather Harold Vankirk.

Visitation is Sunday, June 25th from 1 – 4 p.m. at the funeral home with a prayer service conducted by the Morris Volunteer Fire Department at 1 p.m. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Monday, June 26th, at St. Anthony's Church with Rev. Shaun Whittington officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family prefers memorials to the Morris Fire Department, Gibault School, Monsignor Schmitz Fund or Catch a Dream.



Tribute Wall

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JB

Jill Konradi Of Batesville posted:

Deb and Family, our thoughts are with you all so sorry for your loss! Dave will truly be missed by all he touched! Jill and Vernon

June 25 at 8:00 PM

AS

Alvin Hoff Of Sunman posted:

My deepest sympathies what a great loss

June 25 at 8:00 PM

DL

Debbie And Ron Zimmer Of St. Leon, In posted:

Deb, Kyle, Abbie, Kelli. Michael and all of Blue Gill's family: You have our deepest sympathy on the passing of Dave. He was such a good person and always giving to help out. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. Debbie and Ronnie

June 23 at 8:00 PM

LT

Larry Lynn Of Torrance, Ca posted:

I will miss the warmth of your smile and the kindness from you heart.

June 23 at 8:00 PM

BG

Bev Neeley Of Guilford posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. May God bless you!

June 23 at 8:00 PM

RH

Randy Riehle Of Holton posted:

So sorry for your lose. I will miss trading fishing bait back in forth with Dave.

June 22 at 8:00 PM



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CO

Chris Schafer Of Goshen, Ohio posted:

Bluegill was a great person willing to help anyone. He was always involved in something that had to do with raising money for a worthy cause. I would see him just about every day when I was a driver for FedEx Freight. That's been almost 4 years now but I can still hear him saying "this ain't no daycare, FedEx". The world would be a better place if there were more people like him.

June 21 at 8:00 PM

HB

Helen Dierckman-Bolte posted:

So sorry Deb You real miss him

June 21 at 8:00 PM

BM

Bob And Sharon Wessel Of Metamora posted:

Our deepest sympathies.

June 21 at 8:00 PM

SI

Shawnglaub Of Morris Indiana posted:

Bluegill was a great person and it was an honor to be a fireman with him he was a great person to be around and I will miss him on the fire department

June 20 at 8:00 PM

TI

Tony Koors Of Indianapolis posted:

Deb, very sorry about Dave. God Bless!

June 20 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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