



Mr. William Usher Jr.

February 5, 1948 - February 13, 2026

William J. Usher Jr., age 78, passed away on February 13, 2026, in Bluffton, South Carolina. Born on February 5, 1948, in Evergreen Park, Illinois, Bill lived a life marked by dedication, creativity, and compassion.

He was raised on the south side of Chicago as one of thirteen children of William J. Usher Sr. and Mary Ann Usher. Summers at the family cottage on The Island in Kansasville, Wisconsin, became treasured memories that nurtured his love for nature and family.

Bill attended St. Margaret's School and DeLaSalle High School before pursuing higher education at Lewis University and John Marshall Law School. He later earned his teaching degree from University of Wisconsin Parkside College. His career path was diverse—beginning as a pipefitter and welder at Arthur J Usher & Sons, before transitioning to education and athletics. He was a tennis instructor. He was also a history teacher at Hilton Head School, he was honored with the Teacher of the Year award, a testament to his dedication and ability to inspire.

A talented musician, Bill played guitar and piano with joy and ease. He was also an avid golfer and tennis enthusiast who found both peace and exhilaration in sports. His love for animals led him to own and operate Bluffton Pet Care Business, where he extended his gentle spirit to the care of pets.

Bill found his greatest joy in fatherhood. The birth of his son, William Owen Usher, brought him unconditional love and joy that remained with him in everything he did.

He is survived by his son William Owen Usher; siblings Dorothy Leavy; Art; Suzy; Carol Wilcox (Chris Beardsley); Tina (Lorraine); Donna Durso; Ginny (Mike) Molinari; Michael; Joan (Ed) Murrell; Pat; and Paul (Wendy); as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Bunny.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Mike and Ginny Richbough and the many unmentioned others for their steadfast support during Bill's health journey.

May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him.

A Memorial Mass Services and Interment are private. For further information please reach out to the family.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Kind and empathetic and full of light and love. Billy was a blessing to our world and I will truly miss my birthday buddy.
"Good night, sweet prince, and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest". Candy Sheridan

Madeleine Sheridan - March 07 at 11:08 AM

GM

Thank you, Candy.

Ginny Molinari - April 27 at 07:02 PM

RU

“ Devastated to hear this. Some of the best times of my life were with Bill. He was so smart, funny, compassionate, and generous. My sympathy to his family.
Ruth

RuthDunning - February 17 at 09:30 PM

DV

“ So much to share about my dear friend Bill. We met on the Burlington tennis courts. He showed me his passion for tennis and in particular strategy, stroke production and drilling, drilling drilling. I eventually became a registered and certified USPTR tennis teaching professional under his guidance. We became tennis doubles partners, competing for several year. We never lost. We travelled the state with a video camera to review, coach, and mentor other tennis teaching pros at major clubs. We were a single mind when it came to tennis, a tennis soulmate. Our friendship grew at the same time. I owned a small foundry in Milwaukee with plans to expand into a a larger building. The building was basically a shell of a building. Enter the Usher family into the plan. Bill and his brothers was a great business partnership. They installed all the gas pipelines for the furnaces and core ovens. We needed an overhead crane system utilizing a 12 inch I beam. I couldn't afford a professionally S bend I beam. The Usher innovation team used a forklift banging into the I beam wedged against the building support posts to create the bends. Never forget the loud banging and smiling Usher brothers as the forklift created perfect bends. This technique produced two perfect S bends. They did such a good job, no surprises from the Ushers. After the job they bought me tickets to the brewers pennant and world series. Bill was always generous. Our family and my mom traveled to Hilton Island to visit Bill for a week. We have stayed in touch throughout his life. Bill was such a dear friend. Thoughts and prayers to the entire Usher family. Thanks for being a part of my and Beth's life. It was special indeed!

David T Vedder - February 17 at 06:35 PM

GM

Thanks for sharing your memories. Reading your account of my brothers in action on the job site brought a smile to my face. Thanks for sharing. Ginny

Ginny Molinari - March 10 at 02:25 AM