



## William J. Logue, Jr.

December 26, 1933 - December 1, 2020

William J. Logue, Jr. fondly known as “Bill” or “Coach”, of Ponce Inlet, FL, passed away peacefully at Halifax Health Hospice on December 1, 2020 with his son Billy at his side. Bill was born on December 26, 1933 in Meyersdale, Pennsylvania to the late William Logue, MD and Grace Logue.

Bill was an accomplished athlete and coach for many years in Pennsylvania. He was inducted to the hall of fame for his athletic accomplishments where he graduated with a BS in Physical Education from Slippery Rock State College. He was the captain and coach for the US Army soccer team and competed in the Olympic trials in diving.

Bill received a master’s degree in physical education from West Chester University in Pennsylvania to begin a successful career as an educator and coach. He started as a PE teacher and football coach at Tredyffrin Easttown and the swimming and diving coach of Great Valley & East Whiteland Swim Clubs. His positive influence on these young competitors was a welcomed gift to them and their parents.

Bill became a member of the faculty and head coach for NCAA Division 1 Swimming and Diving at Drexel University in Philadelphia Pa. He was also inducted to the Hall of Fame as one of the most winning coaches in the history of the institution. He helped his competitors and students reach their full

potential in sport and life. Many athletes, students and colleagues have fond memories of Coach.

Bill loved his wife Joan, daughter Kathy, and son Billy. He enjoyed their time at the cabin at Lake Jamie in the Pocono mountains. Joan and Bill enjoyed bike rides, walks on the beach and sunsets at their condo in Ponce Inlet, FL. It was a special place for them to visit with family and to spend time with their dear friends the Armours, next door.

Bill is survived by his daughter Kathy Anderson, granddaughter Kristi Anderson Benson, son Bill Logue, daughter-in-law Holly Logue, granddaughter Brenna Logue and dear friends Brooke Taylor and Jack Simons. His family will miss him and his infectious laugh and are comforted that he is with his wife Joan, grandson Gregory, brother Pat, brother Don, and sister Kay.

He always said there are talkers and doers, "no 'bout-a-doubt it." May we all be more of a doer than talker and think of him each time we approach a challenge.

Greeting of Family of Friends, 9:00 am to 9:30 am, Prayer Service 10:00 am, Wednesday December 9, 2020, DeGusipe Funeral Home, 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751. Dress is casual.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association: <https://www.alz.org/>

The family of William J. Logue, Jr. invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his loving memory.

# Previous Events

## Greeting of Family and Friends

DEC 9. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

EM

“ I was juat thinking about Bill and googled his name and saw he had passed away. He was my swimming and diving coach at East Whiteland for many years and he was a damn good coach. Tough but fair and I always have fond memories of him. I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Elizabeth M** - June 14, 2023 at 01:42 PM

BO

“ Dear Kathy & Billy - I have been thinking about both of your parents so much lately & especially your Dad. I stumbled across the article in The Inquirer yesterday & was stunned at what I saw. My heart is just breaking at the loss of Bill & you have my deepest sympathies. I knew of Bill's accomplishments as a Swimming Coach at Drexel. After reading the article, I thought - WOW - what a life, what a loss. I can't even fathom to think how many lives your Dad has influenced, touched & left a permanent imprint on. This includes my entire family. We all cried upon hearing the news of his passing. I will never forget his "infectious laugh". Just thinking about it makes my heart smile. I will never forget all the fun we had at Lake Jamie. The time that we shared together will always be some of the best of times & favorite memories of my life. Again, my deepest sympathies - your Lake Jamie neighbor - Betsy Oleschak

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**Betsy Oleschak** - January 29, 2021 at 01:55 AM

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**Bruce Carter** - December 09, 2020 at 10:45 AM

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**Bruce Carter** - December 09, 2020 at 10:44 AM

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**Bruce Carter** - December 09, 2020 at 10:42 AM

JC

“ I am so sad to hear of the passing of Coach Logue. I was a diver for him at Drexel for 3 seasons (1975-77). I was not one of the best divers he had, but that did not stop him from working with me and trying to help me improve as much as possible. He was a great coach and a great man. We'll miss you coach.  
Jeff Craighead, Drexel Class of 1978.

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**Jeffrey Craighead** - December 09, 2020 at 09:32 AM



“ My condolences to the family and friends of Bill Logue. It is always sad to hear of someone’s departure from life on this earth, but in the broader scope of our existence, I am always overjoying to know that someone has departed from this sin-cursed earth to meet their loving Creator face-to-face, in righteous and truth. Mr Logue is certainly in good hands, and I am relieved to know that God will show to him the same charity that he has shown to me, and undoubtedly to others, and with greater abundance.

*When I contemplate my memory of the man, I am certain that Mr. Logue has made a much greater impact on my life, than I have made on his. When I consider the interaction I have had with him, I am overwhelmed with happy and positive thoughts. I cannot think of a single negative thing that I could say about him. His high level of energy and enthusiasm, his constant joy and laughter, and his endearing nature, put him in a unique class of just a few people who are able to affect the lives of others in such a positive way.*

*My most memorable moment in my interaction with Bill Logue involved his selection of swimmers to take to Eastern Championships in the winter of 1984, and his decision to leave me behind (a hard decision I respect today). Today, the incident is of great insignificance, but at the time, it felt like the weight of the world upon me, and unbearable. He knew I was disappointed, and I did feel a certain degree of betrayal at the time in exchange for the years of dedication to the team. I departed and walked up that very long stairwell towards the locker-room, and before I was able to reach it, was overwhelmed with extreme sadness and wailed uncontrollably. It would turn out to be a life-transitioning moment for me. I had been converted to the Christian faith one year earlier, and God used this occasion to drill into my conscience the importance of setting our hopes on heavenly and eternal things, and not the temporal things of this present life. This occasion would later influence, in part, my decision to not swim a final fourth year on the swimming team. I have fond memories of the incident today. Nevertheless, I still hope to meet Mr. Logue in the age to come, and*

*hear him say those long-awaited words, "I made a mistake." :) It is interesting that I still seek his confirmation after all these years, just as I did when I dedicated myself to the sport under his watchful eye as head coach. I needed his approval then, and still desire to have it now.*

*Bill Logue always referred to me endearingly and energetically as "Stevie Hahn." I was coached by Mr. Logue from the fall of 1981 to the winter of 1984. I will remember him always. May the Lord bless him and keep him, and may the Lord make His face shine upon him, and give him grace and peace for all eternity.*

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**Steven Hahn** - December 08, 2020 at 09:49 PM

“ Coach Bill Logue wasn't famous, the way basketball or football coaches are, but to every Drexel swimmer he coached, he was appreciated, respected, loved and long remembered. My recollection of Coach Bill Logue is that he transitioned from being a college diver and even stunt diver to his Drexel University swim coach post, starting the same year I “walked on” to the team as a freshman, with me switching from track (Drexel had no track team) to swimming. Also, Drexel didn't have a pool back then; we swam in the basement of the Palestra in a narrow 4-lane pool with slippery walls. I wasn't a very good swimmer initially, but Coach Logue was welcoming and certainly accepting. Under his watch, I improved and even served as co-captain in my 4th year. I was in a 5-year program and in my 5th red-shirt year I was an assistant coach, helping Coach Logue. Back in the 70s, things were a lot looser. My funniest recollection is at one swim meet, he was short an official, so he asked a coach of another sport to fill in – who knew nothing about swimming or diving! We had a winning record every year, and Coach was inducted into the Hall of Fame as one of the most winning coaches in the history of the institution: 242 wins, 56 losses. He only made one mistake (just kidding) that I remember: he had me, a sprint freestyler and backstroker, swim the 200 yd butterfly once (and only once)! I got DQ'd when my legs came apart at the end (Ha ha)! :-). In the years after I graduated, his swimmers won five conference championships and included 3 undefeated seasons. That's a big deal! Since college, I continue swimming just about every day, and I owe that love of swimming, at least in part, to Coach. I stayed in occasional touch with him while he was at DU, and even swam in an alumni-and-team swim meet in the 80s. I attended his retirement dinner; very touching, with many sharing funny and heartwarming stories. He had an infectious laugh and always had a smile. I lost touch with him when he moved to FL. I'm very saddened to hear of his passing. God bless and thank you, Coach Bill Logue.





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**Charlie Young** - December 08, 2020 at 09:41 PM

BB

“ *RIP Coach Logue! Thanks for all the memories in our short time together. I did my best diving while on the Drexel Diving team! Thanks Coach!*

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**Bob Benvignati** - December 08, 2020 at 02:27 PM

FK

“ *To the Logue family, my deepest sympathy on the loss of Coach. I swam for Coach Logue from 1982 – 1985 (ECC Champs 84 & 85!). I have many great memories of Coach as a sincere, warm, authentic and direct person along with his extended Coaches Barb, Bruce and Mike. Coach Logue created such a great culture with the Men’s and Women’s teams, one that has lasted in life-long friendships and memories that I cherish today. May you find peace Coach Logue. Frank K*

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**Frank Kuchma** - December 08, 2020 at 01:33 PM



“ I am saddened at the news of the passing of a great coach. I remember Coach fondly and often. I have used his "words and phrases of wisdom" often in our household and chuckle every time, at the mental images of what was occurring during practices of chats in his office, when the words came out. He was always positive, but let you know where you stood and what needed to improve to get better. He (and all of the coaches during my time, Barb, Bruce, Mike Toy) really made working hard and competing fun and a gave it a family like feeling. My thoughts go out to the family on his passing. RIP Coach. ~Jim Strunk, 1982-1986, Class of 1987

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**Jim Strunk** - December 08, 2020 at 01:12 PM

MB

“ I am saddened to hear of Coach Logue's passing, but know he is in a better place and we will all see him again in heaven. My heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to his family and friends. I was on his Drexel dive team from 77-82. He was such a great coach and more than that a great man. He was so very generous with his time and I have fond memories of those trips to Florida and those parties he and wife hosted for us in their own home. He truly made the world around him a better place and the people's lives he touched better for him being a part of them.  
*Michelle Ditizio Ballew*

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**Michelle Ditizio Ballew** - December 08, 2020 at 01:00 PM

LS

“ I am so sad to hear about the passing of Coach Logue. I will never forget everything that Coach Logue did for me as a swimmer and student at Drexel. He was the most inspiring, loveable, funny, and knowledgeable coach I have had. I will never forget the memories of our winter training trips to Florida or the long bus rides to our swim meets. He was the best!

- Lori Schaeffer, Class of '93

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**Lori Schaeffer** - December 08, 2020 at 12:13 PM

BS

“ I remember Coach Bill well from my 6 or so years on the Great Valley Swim Club swimming team. I also took water lifesaving lessons from him and assisted with the swim lessons he and Tony Procopio taught there. Fond memories of a time long ago. Words to remember Bill by: strong, steady, understanding, encouraging.

~ Barbara Denniston Snapp

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**Barbara Snapp** - December 08, 2020 at 11:02 AM

SD

“ I am saddened to hear of the passing of Coach Logue. My condolences to the entire Logue family. I swam for Coach Logue in the late 1970s. I enjoyed every minute of being on the team coached by Coach Logue. He had a great rapport with all his swimmers and divers and everyone would do anything for the coach. His practices were challenging but fun. He knew how to get the most out of everyone on the team. Some of my finest memories were of our yearly trips to Florida for training over the holidays and the end of the year team banquet hosted by Bill and Joan. RIP Coach - we will miss you.  
Skip DiFelice - Drexel Class of 1980.



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**Skip DiFelice** - December 07, 2020 at 09:39 PM

SD

“ I am saddened to hear of Coach Logue's passing. My condolences to the Logue family. I was a member of the Drexel University Swim Team in the late 1970s while Mr. Logue was the head coach. I enjoyed every minute of being part of those teams under Coach Logue's guidance. Practices were challenging but fun under his direction. He had a great rapport with his swimmers and divers who all wanted to do their best for him. I especially remember our yearly training trips to Florida over the holidays and the end of the year swim social hosted by Bill and Joan. Fond memories. Coach Logue will be missed.  
Skip DiFelice - Drexel Class of 1980

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**Skip DiFelice** - December 07, 2020 at 05:29 PM

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**Bruce Carter** - December 07, 2020 at 05:11 PM

KC

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Coach Logue's family! I had the privilege of swimming for Coach Logue beginning in 1969, Bill's second year as coach. We had a small, ragtag kind of team but we were on the upswing as Bill started recruiting top swimming talent. We quickly became a team with which to be reckoned. Our home venue was the magnificent Hutchinson Pool adjoining the Palestra on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania. We certainly had the home pool advantage over our competitors! We made Christmas break training trips to Florida State University and Rollins College enjoying every minute of the straight through drive. I captured these trips and many of our dual and championship meets on Super 8 mm movies. It's a joy to relive these times on the Drexel Swim Team and, especially, see Coach Logue in action. Thanks for your leadership, coaching skills and friendship during my time at Drexel and beyond!*

*Kenneth P. Carter, '74*

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**Kenneth P Carter** - December 07, 2020 at 04:57 PM

MH

“ My sincerest condolences to Mr. Logue's family and friends at his recent passing. I swam at Drexel from Fall 1983 to Spring 1987. And I have many great memories of Mr. Logue, and his extended coaching team during those years including Barb Kilgour, Bruce Carter, John Madden and Mike Toy. Mr. Logue's easy-going manner, warm smile, sense of humor, and his no nonsense sensibility were hallmarks at practice, dual meets and team road trips! We were a family, and my teammates remain some of my closest friends to this day. We have Mr. Logue to thank for taking a chance on all of us, and in bringing us together - played a big role in creating these life-long friendships and cherished memories! Rest in Peace, Coach Logue!

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**Mary Henningsen** - December 07, 2020 at 04:48 PM

BB

“ A wonderful friend and wonderful coach. Coach Logue did a great job with our teams at TE Junior High School. I saw him several times after my return from Viet Nam. Had great conversations about flying in Nam. Will miss his leadership and guidance. He was a wonderful person. Rest In Peace coach. Thanks for your help in many ways.

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**bobby bohrer** - December 07, 2020 at 10:28 AM

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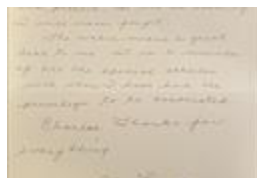
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Charlie Young - December 06, 2020 at 07:28 PM

CY

“ 6 files added to the album Drexel Swim Team 1969-1973



Charlie Young - December 06, 2020 at 07:09 PM

BM

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Bill Logue's passing. My deepest condolences go out to his family and friends. It's hard to put into words how grateful I am to have learned to swim and dive at Great Valley Swim Club with Coach Bill Logue and Tony Proccopio. They helped so many develop great skills in the water and have fun with it too! Coach Bill and Tony were great athletes and great people as well! I'm so glad we had a reunion a few years back to honor their legacies. Many friendships were formed among us who were part of this swim experience that remain to this day. Rest in peace dear coach Logue. You will be missed but not forgotten. Peace and Love, Beth Manus

Beth Manus - December 06, 2020 at 12:40 PM

BB

Having played for Coach Logue was a great opportunity in my life. He prepared me for my future in many ways. I knew him well and took his advice. I saw him several times later in life and enjoyed his company. Rest In Peace you wonderful coach and person.

bobby bohrer - December 07, 2020 at 09:48 AM

PM

“ My memories of Coach Logue are inextricably linked with the routines of summer-- the years from 12-17 when one is discovering a whole lot of things about what life is all about. Great Valley was the single biggest part of that, and Coaches Logue and Procopio shaped that experience in, I now realize, pretty profound ways. I owe my career to swimming in many ways-- would I have ever attained what I did without their influence? Somehow i doubt it. Three specific recollections out of a whole bunch-- the Friday night meetings in the space adjacent to the diving area where Coach Logue would tell us what the lineup would be for the next morning's meet, and if it was a big one, like Martin's Dam, would give us all immense confidence with what were less pep talks and more gentle pushes to do our best. And maybe not so gentle a few times! The crinkle in his eyes and the smile when he would every now and then let us have our fun-- such as the crazy relays to end practice with the 15-18 group, which was the last practice of the morning, where some of us would get running starts at the other end of the pool and do a crazy (and usually illegal) dive into the pool; That first practice on the first day at the club in the big pool because there were so many kids and we would hang on to the sides and kick, with our heads down in the water, stealing a breath or too. I've had a lot of coaches or superiors in my life-- most of them good, most of them memorable in some ways, I've taken something from the experience in every case. None were as important or as special as Bill Logue. Thanks, Coach, for everything-- you graced our lives. Ready.... HO!!

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Paul Maslin - December 06, 2020 at 10:38 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Family photos



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**BRUCE E CARTER** - December 05, 2020 at 07:31 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Drexel Swim Coaches, 1984



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**BRUCE E CARTER** - December 05, 2020 at 07:26 PM

BC

“ *My sincere condolences to the Logue family. Bill was more than a legend to me. He was my swim coach at Drexel from 1972-1976, my colleague as we coached together at Drexel from 1977-1978, 1982-1984, and my friend through out. He was a joy to swim for and to work with. His winning smile, robust laugh, one arm pushups, and signature phrases like "there's no bout a doubt it" and "there are talkers and doers" will stay with me forever. Thanks for everything, coach. Rest in peace. You will be missed! -- Bruce Carter, Drexel '77*

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**BRUCE E CARTER** - December 05, 2020 at 07:02 PM

TH

“ 1 file added to the album *Great Valley and East Whiteland Teams*



Ted Howard - December 05, 2020 at 09:37 AM

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Ted Howard - December 05, 2020 at 09:36 AM

WL

“ 30 files added to the album *Family photos*



William Logue - December 04, 2020 at 04:59 PM

AT

“Doctor Logue” and I go back all the way to 1962, to T-E Jr. High School where I joined him on the faculty and as his assistant track coach. I watched him coach and teach at Great Valley SC for two years and joined him and Tony Procopio teaching Senior Life Saving classes. Later, in 1976, we three joined forces again at East Whiteland SC for 11 championship seasons. One of my memories is of the time he called me to officiate a meet at Drexel on very short notice. Jane and I had dinner with him and Joan in Orlando, and after Joan died, I visited him twice at Ponce Inlet, which I’m glad I did. Bill was a true friend. Any coach could learn so much just from the way he dealt with and organized his athletes and their experiences.  
Al Thomas, Malvern, PA

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**Alan Thomas** - December 04, 2020 at 03:05 PM

BM

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. He is always mentioned when the Drexel swim team gets together. He had a great laugh and smile that we will always remember.  
Bonnie Elg McDonald Drexel 87

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**bonnie mcdonald** - December 04, 2020 at 12:33 PM

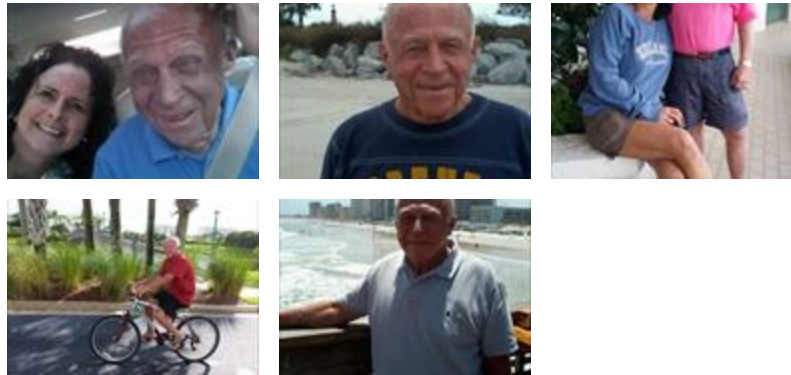
KM

“ My condolences to the Bill, Jr. and the extended Logue family for the loss of the patriarch Bill Sr., aka Coach. I met Coach and Joan in 2006 at a clinical lab trade show and became enamored with them and their family since. Coach would welcome people into the booth and share all sorts of stories until his partner "with the brains, as he would say" was ready to chat with them. Coach had an engaging personality and wonderful sense of humor. He will be missed. Coach, rest in peace with your bride. The Micciche Family, Dedham, MA.

Ken Micciche - December 04, 2020 at 11:54 AM

BL

“ 24 files added to the album Ponce Inlet



BLogue - December 03, 2020 at 10:04 AM