



## Charles E. Bevilacqua

November 25, 1933 - December 5, 2021

Charles E. Bevilacqua

“Mr. Bee”

Age 88, of Hamilton, passed away peacefully at home on December 5, 2021, with his family at his side. Charles was the son of the late Albert and Margaret (Forester) Bevilacqua. He was born on November 25, 1933, in Woburn, Massachusetts. He recently celebrated his 88th birthday on Thanksgiving Day with his family. Charles graduated from Woburn High School in 1951 where he excelled in baseball and football. Upon graduation, he served in the Air Force for four years during the Korean War. He then went on to play baseball at Miami University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in Education in 1959. Mr. Bee taught physical education at Wilson Junior High School in Hamilton for 31 years. While teaching, he also taught drivers education at Talawanda High School for many years. Upon retiring, he founded Bee Driving School and was instrumental in teaching 1000's of students to drive. He loved working with young people and influenced many lives. He also loved being with family and following the Cincinnati Reds and Bengals. He will be deeply missed by his wife of 37 years Lou Ann Bevilacqua, sons Louis (Alison) Bevilacqua and Michael Bevilacqua, stepsons Dan (Mendy) Ruecking and Tim (Amy) Ruecking; grandchildren Anna and Maria Bevilacqua, Ashley (Anthony) Johnson, Andrew (Brittany) Ruecking, Molly Ruecking and Mallory (Nate) Miller and six great grandchildren, his brother Albert Bevilacqua, and sister Alice Gifford. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Louis, and George

and one sister, Alberta. Lou Ann gives special thanks to Tim, Amy and Ashley for their care and loving support this past year. Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at Weigel Funeral Home, 980 NW Washington Blvd. from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A private funeral service will be held followed by interment in Rose Hill Burial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Crossroads Hospice, 4380 Glendale-Milford Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45242, or to your favorite charity. Online condolences are available at [www.weigelfuneralhome.com](http://www.weigelfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Weigel Funeral Home  
980 N.W. Washington Blvd.  
Hamilton, OH 45013  
(513) 892-1524  
<https://www.weigelfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ When I think of awesome people I have had in my life Mr B is definitely one of them. I first met him as he was my Gym teacher at Wilson Jr High. Our first day in gym class he demanded our attention. Not only that but he used a military style to so so. Toes on the line and a arms length apart, then eye's right. That was Mr B. If you did wrong he called you a "meathead" which was a softer version of correction but funny and I'd love to hear him talk in that Boston accent. He also had a trick shot he used to do in the gym by turning around backwards and throwing the basketball to the ceiling in the gym and it would go into the basket. Mr B was a awesome guy. I saw him one say maybe 5 years ago or so at the driving school in Fairfield and we talked for a while and the great memories we shared about the past was a treat for me. I'm surely going to miss him. My sincerest prayers are for his family and friends that the hands of God comfort them all in their loss.

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**John Miller** - December 10, 2021 at 01:52 PM

PM

Very sorry to hear this. Our condolences and prayers to Lou Ann and entire family! Hank and Pat Miller

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**Pat Miller** - December 12, 2021 at 07:24 PM

CA

“ So sorry for your loss. Mr B taught me driving and was my gym teacher. ❤️🙏

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**chris akey** - December 10, 2021 at 06:16 AM

AH

“ I knew "Mr. B" first as a neighbor, but when I took the classroom part of drivers' education from the then-new "Bee's Driving School," I learned how training drivers was not just a job, but an actual calling for him. His work ethic was remarkable, and he is testament to the fact that, through hard work and dedication, and just putting in the hours, day after day, rain, snow, weekends, and sunny afternoons, you can fill a need and build something memorable, something that continues to impact young people across the region to this day. Ave atque vale, Mr. B.

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**AB Heckert** - December 10, 2021 at 04:31 AM

JB

“ Back when I was still teaching at Lakota, Mr Bee was out there promoting his driving school to 9th graders. As I walked into the gym with my class, I heard from across the gym, " Hey Buhi." It was Mr Bee. We talked off and on all day. He told me we (class of '65) were his favorite. He had so much fun with us. He remembered many of our names. He really was a great guy! Prayers for his family!

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**Jack Buhi** - December 09, 2021 at 03:22 PM

EB

“ Mr. B so glad I got to say hello a few years ago. You were such a great guy and supportive. Thanks for all the great encouragement. You are the best.  
Ed Bowling

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**Ed Bowling** - December 08, 2021 at 09:09 PM

JL

“ *Lou Ann, I am so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. My prayers and thoughts are with you.*

*Jane Bush Lambertson*

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**Jane Bush Lambertson** - December 08, 2021 at 02:34 PM

MD

“ *Mr. B was a great man and one of my favorite teachers. Lots of great memories from his class. Wishing peace and comfort to Mrs. B and all of the family.*

*Mike DiStaola*

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**Mike DiStaola** - December 08, 2021 at 11:43 AM

RT

*Nice to see you on here*

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**Richard Turpin** - December 09, 2021 at 07:49 AM



“ *I remember Mr. Bevilacqua with great fondness. He was my driving instructor back in 1980. He was such an awesome and cool guy. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at that time.*

*Cathy Beasley Edwards*

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**Cathy Edwards** - December 08, 2021 at 08:08 AM

MC

“*Lou, Alison, and family. Our sincere condolences over the loss of your father. I can only imagine how proud he was of, and how much he loved and enjoyed being with, you all. Wishing you peace and warm memories to hold.*

*Mike, Linda, Chris and Mary Curme*

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**Mike Curme** - December 08, 2021 at 06:59 AM



“*Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Charles E. Bevilacqua.*



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December 07, 2021 at 09:02 PM

TL

“*Mr B was my physical education teacher at Wilson Junior High. He was exactly what teenage boys needed. Stern and disciplined but supportive and always there to listen. He was also my drivers education instructor. Let me tell you that was a good time with Mr B! My favorite memory is in gym class and we had to do tumbling that week. I tried a standing front roll and landed right on the top of my head. B didn't skip a beat and said "Leak...(he always called you by your last name) get off the mat and go play basketball." Classic Mr B.*

*Prayers and condolences to the family but know how much he was loved by the Hamilton community and countless Hamilton students.*

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**Terry Leak** - December 07, 2021 at 12:35 PM

RB

*Mr. Bevilacqua was my Jr. High School physical education teacher at Wilson! He was the best! He was the reason I decided to go into teaching! After graduating in 67 from Taft I went to Belmont College in Nashville, Tn. I taught physical education for 45 years and still sub part time! Thanks Mr. B ! Thoughts and prayers to his family! 🙏 The world has lost a good man! Robert Belew*

**Robert Belew** - December 08, 2021 at 11:23 AM



*Mr Bevilacqua was a great teacher, gave me the freedom to work out on my own on the trampoline, wouldn't happen today. thanks for being supportive and also for picking Bob and I up while trying to walk to Oxford. Condolences to the family. Drew Arent*

**Drew Arent** - December 08, 2021 at 02:12 PM



“ *Mr. B was a very well respected teacher at Wilson and I have only great memories of him. Hamilton will be just that little more empty...*

**Jeff Ramseyer** - December 07, 2021 at 12:29 PM