



William Goslow

April 11, 1947 - July 10, 2020

William “Bill” Franklin Goslow, Aka “Gos,” an incredible step-father, Papa, and favorite A.P. History, U.S. Government, and sociology teacher at Crescent Valley High School grew his wings, July 10th, 2020.

Bill was born in Seattle, Washington and before arriving at Cheldelin Middle School in Corvallis as a young teacher, had lived in three other western states.

In the 73 years Bill lived, he enriched and fulfilled the lives of many. He was loved and cherished immensely by family, friends, and students. As many students have shared, “Gos” made each of us feel valued and special. An avid golfer, Bill and his good friend, Gene Hilliard, coached the CV golf team to a state championship.

Bill enjoyed the out-of-doors to include fishing with friends and family, golfing with buddies, and watching birds, squirrels and other wildlife in his backyard. A life-long learner, Bill felt it important for his (step) children, Jennifer Yarrow and Brian Kreft to appreciate the history of their country. To this end, the family traveled widely.

Oh, and let’s not forget his fishing trips to Alaska with older brother, Ted Goslow. Or, canoeing in the wilderness of Vancouver, B.C.

Bill is survived by his wife, Becki Goslow, step-children; Jennifer (Scott and Alex) Yarrow, Brian (Ediyana and Emery) Kreft, brother, Ted Goslow and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his mother, Frances Wright Step-father, Harold Keen, father , George E. Goslow, and sister, Dianne Buell.

Bill wanted his students to know how much they enriched his life. At Bill's request a private family gathering will be held on the Metolius River.

Donations can be made to the Benton County Meals on Wheels and Samaritan Evergreen Hospice.

As his family and all those who loved him can attest, Bill Aka Papa will be forever remembered as The Man, The Myth, The Legend.

Tribute Wall

JO

“ Dear Family and friends, and Becky,
I am so late in seeing that Bill "Mr. Goslow" passed. I had the privilege of being his student at CV. He was definitely fun and creative! Once, I remember, he had made "buzzer boards" so we could answer History finals like a game show! Fun! He would see you in the hall, and say , "hi, Miss Howard". All of us loved him, and many of us had crushes on him. I also know Becky. I think she and the family started babysitting at about age 5, and were friends of the family. I remember having a crush later on her brother John. I remember baking gingerbread with her mom, Mrs. Whittle. And I remember listening to music and watching the sisters do their hair. And so much more, Becky, I have always remembered you very fondly. I am so very sorry for your loss. He was a great teacher, and person, so I am sure in the loving family man department he excelled as well! Love to all, and may he rest in peace.

Jennifer "Howard" Olsen - September 27, 2021 at 07:42 PM

JG

“ I just learned that Mr Goslow passed away this summer. What sad news....

I was in his American History class at Crescent Valley High School in 1976-77. I had come to from Montreal, Canada, and my dad was at OSU on sabbatical leave for a year.

I loved his class, the way he taught, his inexhaustible supply of good humor, his funny turn of phrases and the respect with which he treated the students, all of whom he made to feel like good friends. We all loved the mimicry and the gestures he made to illustrate passages from the “Red Badge of Courage”, the “Grapes of Wrath”, and many other works, passages from which he read to us in class. He was committed and actively involved as a teacher (how many of us would have read the material had it just been assigned reading over the weekend?). The dude was cool like no one else. This mattered for the 15-year kids we were.

I went on to study history myself, and I can look back and say that he was a natural history teacher, not one who had students memorize endless dates and names, but one who described conditions, processes and situations, making all of them come alive. His descriptions and commentary delivered all the colors, sounds, and smells of times gone past. Having seen dozens of history teachers and professors by now, I must say he had a rare ability. He seemed to live the history he spoke of and no one was ever bored in his class. Just the sound of his name conjures up in my mind an endless stream of little vignettes: The Civil War, Custer’s last stand (complete with gesture of the hand imitating horses at a gallop), children working in sweatshops, the Maine, Teddy Roosevelt and San Juan Hill, the Lusitania and Pancho Villa, the roaring twenties, the Great Depression, the TVA, the fascinating Hobo culture, etc..

He was also a real star among the teaching staff and during that year’s pie throwing contest held to raise money for some charity, with many teachers volunteering to receive a flying pie on their face, the one destined for him (lemon!) drew the largest sum of money of

all. He liked to quote US presidents, and one of his favorite quotes was "Speak softly and carry a big stick. You'll go far", (Teddy Roosevelt, Mr Goslow's favorite US president). It was a privilege to be in his class.

My condolences for the entire Goslow family and to their friends.

*Jean-Jacques Granas
Warsaw, Poland*

Jean-Jacques Granas - December 12, 2020 at 06:42 PM

GW

“ *Greg Ware lit a candle in memory of William Goslow*



Greg Ware - August 26, 2020 at 08:29 PM

GW

“ *His History classes were GREAT!! Very Engaging and informative. He had a hilarious sense of humor. He was very respected and revered by the students. One time at an assembly in school the kids were very noisy in the audience. When the principle went to the mic to get everyone to settle down they didn't. When Mr Goslow went to the mic, they stopped talking and were quiet without Bill saying a word!! My condolences to his family. I'll miss my teacher and friend!! Greg Ware Class of '85*

Greg Ware - August 26, 2020 at 08:28 PM

GW

“ Greg Ware sent a virtual gift in memory of William Goslow



Greg Ware - August 26, 2020 at 08:11 PM

GW

“ Greg Ware lit a candle in memory of William Goslow



Greg Ware - August 26, 2020 at 08:10 PM

JH

“ *Bill was a great person and wonderful colleague at Crescent Valley High School. He was very welcoming and always had a smile and story to tell. It was awesome to start the day by stopping in and saying hello.*

Bill's stories were hilarious and legendary--I really hoped that he would teach my own children someday. It was honor to work with him at CV for over 10 years. When he retired, it was hard not being able to visit with him. Luckily, I was able to hear more of his stories when Brian was in my class.

Over the years, I would bump into Bill at the store or see him at the OSU games (and even at the golf clubhouse when I was playing hooky) and Bill was always kind to my little ones and cheerful. He will never be forgotten.

Our sincere condolences and blessings to his family during this time of remembrance.

Sincerely,

Julie Halsey and Family

Julie Halsey - August 10, 2020 at 07:57 PM

JN

“ Bill Goslow taught both our kids (now 30-somethings) at CV and they truly respected and admired him. As parents we witnessed his positive influence on their lives and livelihoods. Long after their graduations we would bump into Bill at the golf course and never once did he fail to ask about them and to tell them that he said “hello”. We all have fond memories of Mr. Goslow not only as a wise and dedicated teacher but as someone who guided in subtle yet meaningful ways.

We hope Bill's family will take this small tribute to heart: know that his teachings are carried with us every day.

May you find strength in this time of great loss,

Jan, Steve, Dave (Napack) and Rebekah (Bazanele).

Jan Napack - July 25, 2020 at 07:29 PM

AS

“ Bill Goslow was one of the best teachers any of us had through high school or college. He helped people understand, and excel. The fact the he impacted so many of us at such an early age-in our teen years stands as greatness, and generous. Remembering you--great smile, great human, so genuine. Thanks Gos! Annette Simonson Class of '80

Annette Simonson - July 20, 2020 at 11:37 PM

PB

“ Bill leaning out of the door of AP History, asking noisy students to be quieter because he was teaching. "Sorry", said the students. "Don't be sorry, it's what I do!"

Peter Banwarth - July 20, 2020 at 10:57 PM

JM

“ I knew Bill when he was married to my sister-in-law, Mary Ann. Bill and I shared loves of history, reading, golf, and good times. In my mind I see Bill standing on a tee at Cedar Bend Golf Course in Gold Beach, wearing a horizontally-striped golf shirt, with strands of grey in his hair, his driver in hand, and a smile on his face. I speak for others who have fond memories of Bill, and will miss him. Bill had a good perspective on life, stressing the important issues, and trying to ignore those of lesser importance. Until we meet again, Good-bye Bill.. Jerry Molatore

Jerry Molatore - July 20, 2020 at 05:33 PM

AH

“ Bill Goslow was a good and kind person--the kind we need more of. Bill always had a cheerful greeting and kind word for everyone he met. He was a talented and popular teacher, a huge Beaver supporter, and he was also our neighbor. He and Becki planned and hosted many neighborhood activities. Bill will be sorely missed by so many whose lives were enriched by his presence. Our sincere condolences to Becki, Brian, Jennifer and the rest of the family.

Anne and Roy Hart

Anne and Roy Hart - July 20, 2020 at 04:39 PM

SG

“ Bill Goslow was many things to me and my family throughout our lives in Corvallis. First he was a fellow teacher that exemplified all that was good about teachers. He had both of my children as his students in High School and they adored him, his classes, and high school in a big part, because of him!
When I really got to know Bill was when he became my next door neighbor. I was blessed to have the Goslow family as my neighbors. Bill was always there with smiles and hugs to help you through anything! He would come by and say "hey Miss" and then invite you over, or talk, or help, or whatever you needed. Always the kindest and most gentle man one could ever come to know! I was so blessed to know this man and his presence will surely be missed in this world.

Sandra Grzeskowiak - July 20, 2020 at 10:49 AM

 Judy
Knox

“ I liked Bill.. He would show up at the bowling alleys full of joy and he seemed to love everyone. There was always a hug at the end of his arms for anyone in his path. I bowled with his wife Becki for years and bowled with Bill too on occasion. My heartfelt prayers for the family.

Judy Knox - July 20, 2020 at 09:21 AM



“ Kate Kaser lit a candle in memory of William Goslow



Kate Kaser - July 18, 2020 at 10:28 PM

DB

“ We will miss Bill's smiling face, his gracious company, great sense of humor, and his genuine deep down baked in goodness. We were lucky to have him as a friend. He will be very missed by Steve (and the rest of the guys) going crabbing, clamming, golfing, playing cards, just hanging out together, and the laughs. And this from our daughter Kate: "Gos was such a good teacher and truly cared about all of the students, not just about the ones in his class, and not just about academics. He called me Bateman all year, and at the end of the year said by the way, what's your first name? My heart goes out to his family. His stepson Brian is the nicest, most chill guy. So much like Bill I was surprised they weren't bio father/son. Kate Bateman CVHS Class of 2004". And to you dear Becki - condolences and much love from the Bateman family - Diane & Steve, and daughter Kate

Diane Bateman - July 18, 2020 at 12:24 AM

TS

“ I had Mr. Goslow for AP History and it was one of the best classes I ever took in High School or College for that matter. The document-based questions he gave us to prep for the AP exam were difficult and they really helped in developing critical thinking skills. I didn't get a 5 on the exam, but I did get a 4 and much of the credit goes to Mr. Goslow for being an amazing teacher. I always looked forward to that class and as Lisa Guenther mentioned in a previous post, it taught us a life long love of history. I wish his family and close friends well in this difficult time. He was greatly respected and admired and will be missed.

Tom Searcy - July 17, 2020 at 06:12 PM

JH

“ I last saw "Mr Goslow" probably in 1991 when I graduated CVHS but the memories of what a great teacher he was are still fresh. There are very few of my high school teachers whose names I even remember, but Mr Goslow is not easily forgotten.

Jason Hunter - July 17, 2020 at 05:55 PM

CP

“ We looked forward to seeing Bill's smiling face on the golf course, at Beaver women's basketball, and especially at Reser when he joined us in section 13. ❤️ to you, Becki.
Jim & Cathy Phillips

Cathy Phillips - July 16, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ Dan Sheets lit a candle in memory of William Goslow



Dan Sheets - July 16, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ MR Goslow, been 30 some years and I can still here you saying hi to me as I came down the hall. Its a rare thing to have a teacher whom has impacted so many so many years later we still care our wonderful experience we had with you. To your family I can say enough about him my deepest condolences



Caroline-jp Blundy-Medina - July 16, 2020 at 02:20 PM

AC

“ Mr. Goslow was a wonderful human being. The memory of him that sticks out in my mind most (after 30 years...) is of him walking through the halls of CV, specifically greeting students by name-- flashing that great smile--and asking how we were doing. He always made us feel like we were seen and heard. What an incredible force of warmth and goodness he possessed. The level of care he showed to students....even long after we had graduated and would run into him somewhere, he always took the time to catch up. He was a special person who will be missed greatly. To his wife and family, my deepest condolences.

Aimee Beals Cavill, CVHS Class of 1989

Aimee Cavill - July 16, 2020 at 12:53 PM

AM

A wonderful colleague, an excellent teacher--I will miss him.

Anne Muelle - July 20, 2020 at 01:46 PM

TO

“ The great and powerful Bill Goslow, The last time I saw him was many years ago when I was living in Corvallis, I was singing in a church choir and in the congregation was Bill Goslow. Though I did not do very well in his class at cv he was still the best!!

Thomas Olkowski - July 16, 2020 at 11:32 AM

TO

“ Thomas Olkowski lit a candle in memory of William Goslow



Thomas Olkowski - July 16, 2020 at 11:24 AM

GK

“ When I remember Bill Goslow, the memory that immediately comes to mind is when he and Craig Ellingson emceed the Mr. CV event in 1997. It was a classic comedy duo similar to the Smother's Brothers (Bill was "Dick," the straight man to Craig's "Tommy"). I also share from my heart, a personal story: I was a new administrator at CVHS in 1996 and I was assigned the responsibility of formally evaluating Bill's performance as a teacher. When I observed one particular class, Bill delivered his usual style of entertaining history, spiced with humor and values. However, a student in the class, third seat from the front, was fast asleep. I noted that ethnographic fact, also reporting that Bill did nothing to re-engage the student. Our subsequent face-to-face conversation provided me with the back-story; Bill carefully explained to me the social-emotional issues facing a student of poverty, from a struggling family. Bill knew his students and related to me the "why." He observed that a way of seeing is also a way of not seeing. Bill taught me a valuable lesson, one that made me a better person - and a more responsive administrator. Bill's trusting manner and easy-going affect made him a superior educator in so many ways. Bill was also a classroom teacher of our children. In casual meetings at Trysting Tree or at an Assistance League Event, Bill would always ask about them, remembering names and specific identifying details. I'll miss his easy-going manner and firm handshake. We extend our condolences to Becky and the entire family. Farewell, Gos.

Gerry (and Lynn) Kosanovic

Gerry Kosanovic - July 15, 2020 at 09:40 PM

JS

“ I remember Bill as the teacher of some or all of our kids. Bill was a well respected "feature" at CV. He is sorely missed. Thoughts to Becky and family.

John Snelling

John Snelling - July 15, 2020 at 09:36 PM

JL

“ Bill was a great neighbor and friend, always with a positive attitude and outlook, enriched with a great sense of humor. We have such fond memories of our neighborhood gatherings. Bill enriched our children with the love of learning, one of our children becoming a teacher himself. He was such a role model for all his students and all the neighborhood children. Bill was one of the best people you could have ever known and we were so blessed to have him in our lives. A true historian and humanitarian who contributed a positive influence on his community and everyone. He will be greatly missed. We send our love to Becki and family, wishing them healing and peace. Jeff, Leanne Chiavini and family.

Jeff Chiavini and Leanne - July 15, 2020 at 04:17 PM

LH

“ Gos was, hands down, the best teacher many of us ever had. He just so truly loved us and we felt it. I loved the stories he told, his sense of humor and his patience with us teenagers. As an adult, I would often run into him at Beaver games, particularly basketball, where he was quick with a smile and a hug. I am still in shock over his sudden and way too soon passing. My prayers and huge hugs to his family. What a loss for our community.

Laura Howard - July 15, 2020 at 02:32 PM

JT

“ What can I say? Mr. Go Slow, I know you're standing on the most beautiful fairway with the sun on your face and all your shots are straight and on target. Bill, you have been a friend for many years, a favorite teacher to my daughters and such a great influence to me and so many. Your upbeat and positive personality was infectious and always made everyone you crossed paths with just feel good. I thank you for being a good friend and for all the support you gave me, and the volunteer work you gave your Credit Union, fellow teachers and members. We will miss you and we will think about you every day, you were very special and touched us all. I miss you and one day I hope to join you on that fairway. But if we're using a cart, I'm driving...

Love you man. Joe Tofte, and the entire staff at Benton County Schools CU.

Joe Tofte - July 14, 2020 at 06:19 PM

KK

“ I am so sorry about this. He was one of my favorite teachers. I had him at for history class at CVHS in the early 1980s. He recognized me and remembered my name when we met again in the 2000s at the opening of the expansion of the Boys and Girls Club.

Kristin Komar - July 14, 2020 at 06:05 PM

KK

It was at Cheldelin Middle School where he was my teacher!

Kristin Komar - July 14, 2020 at 06:47 PM

RK

“ When I think of Bill's death, I can't help think of the Billy Joel song... "The good die young....." I was never on the faculty at Crescent Valley, but I substitute taught for Bill on several occasions. It was always difficult subbing for him because it was such a hard act to follow. I could tell his students just loved him. I got to know him better in retirement in his involvement with the Beavers.....talk about a huge Beaver fan. He loved every sport depending on what season...especially women's basketball. I will miss his company, companionship and seeing him at Beaver games. Truly a tremendous individual that will be missed! Love you Bill!

Robert Keith - July 14, 2020 at 04:12 PM

LG

“ I was lucky to have had "Mr. Goslow" as my AP US History teacher at CVHS. He made every minute in that class such fun - and certainly not because it was easy. He had high expectations. I remember waiting for our essays to be returned (filed under our land line telephone numbers) after numerous rewrites and, even then, appreciating the attention to detail he gave each of us in feedback. Though his students earned an unprecedented number of "5's" on the AP exam, far more importantly he taught us a life-long love of history. I crack up even now as I remember his stories ...he allowed us to see the very human side of leaders and encouraged us to apply lessons from the past to our own present. Mr Goslow taught us resilience through humor and shared his passion for learning with us. Although it has been years since my classes with him, he remains a joyful inspiration. Sending prayers for peace.

Lisa Guenther

Lisa Guenther - July 14, 2020 at 12:51 PM



“ *I am devastated by this completely unexpected news. Bill was the symbol of energy, joy and vitality. A master teacher and cherished colleague for many years.*

*I thought my heart was one thing
With full life until its beating ceases
But another portion of me left today
Farewell, Bill...and I am left with pieces!*

I am so sorry,

Wayne Spletstoser

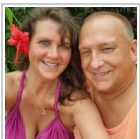


Marjorie Spletstoser - July 14, 2020 at 12:01 PM

BM

*Bill was a true inspiration. He had a warm smile, and laugh that was infectious. Sending warm thoughts to Becki and the entire family.
Becky Paschke McDonough*

Becky Paschke McDonough - July 17, 2020 at 01:03 AM



“ *The best teacher I EVER had, he's the one I always remembered, that stood above the others .. he will be sorely missed 💜 Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Kelly Marshall - July 14, 2020 at 11:00 AM

AS

“ *Ange Sobiegraj lit a candle in memory of
William Goslow* ”



Ange Sobiegraj - July 13, 2020 at 09:15 PM