

Bill Idle '63

Bill Idle grew up in Northridge and graduated from Northridge High School in 1963. While at NHS Bill participated in a wide range of activities: baseball all four years, basketball all four years, band all four years, and Key Club three years. His senior year Bill was drum major of the band and served on both the newspaper and yearbook staffs.

At Morehead State University Bill was a member of the Circle K Club and Kappa Delta Phi, the Education Honor Society, and he earned a place on the Dean's List his junior and senior years.

Earning his Bachelor of Arts in 1968, Bill went to work for the Huber Heights City Schools. Over the course of his thirty-five year career, he taught elementary physical education from 1968 to 1990, junior high physical education from 1990-1994, and high school physical education and health from 1994 until his retirement in 2003.

Beyond the traditional classroom at Wayne High School, Bill also taught driver education from 1968 to 1986, served as the summer school principal from 1983 to 1986, and was the head girls' basketball coach from 1986 to 1989. He earned a master's degree *cum laude* in Educational Administration from Wright State University in 1976.

Bill has seen his students apply his lessons to success to sports and in life. Continuing in service to the community, he was also a member of the Huber Heights Jaycees from 1971 to 1974, and he was the Montgomery County Seat Belt Safety Coordinator from 1987 to 1992.

Bill and Nanette Whitley married in 1967. They have three children: Kimberly, William Jr. (Billy), and Jeanie. Kimberly and her husband, Sean Cahill, have two children, Benjamin and Caroline. Billy and his wife, Ginger, have two children, Brooke and Allison. Jeanie recently married Remard Colston.

"Northridge was a great place to grow up in the 1950's," said Bill.

"Northridge was people--parents, teachers, other adults involved in the community, peer role models, and leaders--all nurturing when needed and delivering a kick in the pants when deserved. The whole community assisted in my maturation process in becoming a responsible husband, father, grandfather, teacher, and citizen."