



## William R. "Bill" Sandmeyer

April 5, 1921 - March 10, 2017

William R. "Bill" Sandmeyer, 95, of Lewisburg and formerly of Picture Rocks and Montgomery, died Friday, March 10, 2017, at Riverwoods Senior Living Community, Lewisburg.

Born April 5, 1921 in Greenock, he was the son of the late William C. and Jessie (Hoffman)

Sandmeyer. His wife of 70 years, Dorothy M. Ferrell, preceded him in death October 31, 2015.

Bill attended the Greenock Elementary School and graduated from McKeesport High School,

Class of 1934. He would then go on to receive a BS from California State Teachers College and a Masters degree from Bucknell University in 1954.

Bill dedicated his life to public education. He first taught Industrial Arts at Redstone Township,

Munhall, and retired in 1977 from the Montgomery School District, where he held several positions, including Elementary Principal, High School Guidance Counselor, and Industrial Arts

teacher. Following his retirement from Montgomery, he served as Elementary Guidance Counselor for several years with Warrior Run School District.

A World War II veteran, Bill served his country honorably in the U.S. Army Air Force and was a

member of the American Legion, Montgomery. He was a member of the Picture Rocks United

Methodist Church, Muncy Lodge #299 F. & A. M., the Williamsport Consistory, a former member

of the Picture Rocks Lions Club, a charter member and past president of Montgomery

Lions

Club, a member of Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees, a former member and president of Montgomery Borough Council, and served on many educational boards and committees.

In his spare time, Bill enjoyed woodworking, making stained glass creations, singing, and playing bocce ball in several leagues.

Surviving are two daughters, Dedre S. Miriello of Lexington, VA and Debbie Sandmeyer-Bryan

of Petersburg, NJ; three, treasured grandchildren, Brittany M. Bryan, Shawn M. Bryan, and

Thadeus D. Miriello; and many, beloved nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, Bill was preceded in death by two sisters, Edna Holman and Mildred Weddell.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Friday, March 24, at Picture Rocks United Methodist

Church, 48 Laurel Run Road, Picture Rocks, with Pastor Lynn Wilcox officiating. Burial will follow in Picture Rocks Cemetery with graveside military honors accorded by combined veterans' organizations. Friends may call from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Friday, March 24, at the church,

where a Masonic funeral service will be held at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Picture Rocks United Methodist Church, or the

Picture Rocks Lions Club, PO Box 99, Picture Rocks, PA 17762.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McCarty-Thomas Funeral Home, Hughesville.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at <http://www.mccartythomas.com>.

# Events

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**MAR**   **Visitation**                      01:30PM - 02:00PM

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Picture Rocks United Methodist Church  
48 Laurel Run Road, Picture Rocks, PA, US, 17762

**MAR**   **Memorial Service**    02:00PM

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Picture Rocks United Methodist Church  
48 Laurel Run Road, Picture Rocks, PA, US, 17762

# Comments

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“ Dee & Debbie,  
I remember your dad vividly in March of 1964 when the Steward kids were getting registered for school at Montgomery. He didn't seem scary at all in my tender 4th grade eyes. He has had great influence on so many, and the world is a better place because of him. Larry & I share your pain of loss with the loss of our parents and so many of the "greats" that we grew up with that are now gone to heaven. We can only hope by God's grace to carry on the wonderful legacies they left us. Please excuse us, as we had intentions of attending the service. It would have been good to see you. Hopefully we'll see you at a future alumni banquet.  
Blessings,  
Debbie & Larry Stout

**Debbie Stout** - March 28, 2017 at 01:36 PM

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“ I can't believe.... we just heard this today! Bill and I are so sorry for your loss! Bill and Dot were the best neighbors to us, kind, friendly, welcoming and always smiling. The neighborhood hasn't been the same since they left. We will always have fond memories of them! I am sure he is glad to be reunited with Dot. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Bill and Tracy Kilcoyne

**Tracy Snyder Kilcoyne** - March 27, 2017 at 07:26 PM

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“ Dee & Deb, So sorry for loss of your dad, he was one of the nicest people I have ever had the honour to know, he was a great roll model to follow. I have a lot of memories from your family.

Dan Pauling

**Dan Pauling** - March 27, 2017 at 05:08 PM

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“ Debbie Feaster lit a candle in memory of William R. "Bill" Sandmeyer



**Debbie Feaster** - March 20, 2017 at 08:15 PM

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“ Lori Tawney lit a candle in memory of William R. "Bill" Sandmeyer



**Lori Tawney** - March 20, 2017 at 07:03 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Take solace in knowing he is once again with the love of his life. Your parents were exceptional educators and their legacy lives on.

**Susan Welteroth** - March 20, 2017 at 07:00 PM

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“ Leona Dewalt lit a candle in memory of William R. "Bill" Sandmeyer



**Leona Dewalt** - March 20, 2017 at 06:27 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to your family. Mr Sandmeyer was my guidance counselor at Montgomery Area High School. Over the years my sister Doris and I have often revisited memories of our former educators who greatly influenced our teaching careers. Mr. Sandmeyer encouraged us to pursue our dreams with determination. We didn't have resources but we did dream! Three years ago I retired after 45 years in the classroom and my sister taught for nearly 30 years. Thank you Mr. Sandmeyer for your guidance.

Patty Claudfelter Goodheart, class of '64 and Doris Claudfelter Yeager, class of '63

**Patricia Goodheart** - March 19, 2017 at 12:26 PM



“ Thank you for sharing your kind remembrance. It means so much to Dee and I.

**Debbie Sandmeyer-Bryan** - March 21, 2017 at 06:05 PM

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“ My late husband Michael Butler was so fond of your parents. We were married at "Sylvan Lodge", alias Weinimeyer Lodge , in Elimsport. The stream was lovely with the mist rising after a warm day of rain. On the cassette tape that recorded our ceremony, at the start, your mom Dot can be overheard saying, " thank goodness it rained and cleared out the outhouse". They always had a laugh...I can hear them now. Michael really enjoyed working with them at Watsontown Elementary and he knew you all from Edgewood Pool. In later years, we would touch base in the dining hall at Riverwoods when we would visit Michael's Uncle Dean. I am thankful his time alone on this earth without your mom was fairly short. They were definately a "pair", in a loving and fun way.

**Ann Butler** - March 18, 2017 at 08:53 AM



“ So many great times! Mom and Dad really enjoyed and treasured your (you and Mike's) friendship. Thank you, Ann, for sharing your loving memories.

**Debbie Sandmeyer-Bryan** - March 21, 2017 at 06:11 PM

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“ Dee and Deb, So sorry for the loss of your dad. He was one of the sweetest, kindest men this world has known and his lovely spirit will be missed. Thoughts of your parents always bring a smile to my face and a hug to my heart. Sending hugs to you both. Betsy Holtzapple Thompson

**Elizabeth Thompson** - March 16, 2017 at 10:56 AM

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“ Thank you, Betsy. These kind words and memories mean a lot to us. Hugs back to you.

**Debbie Sandmeyer-Bryan** - March 27, 2017 at 12:39 PM

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“ I was sad to read of the passing of Mr. William Sandmeyer. I will always remember him as a calm yet strong man. I too was a school principal and tried to model my leadership skills after his. The last time I saw him was at an alumni banquet...and he was kind as always. There are people in your life who are never forgotten...for me he was one of those people. Debbie...you had a great dad. Cherish the memories...

David Temple

**David Temple** - March 15, 2017 at 09:48 AM

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“ I so loved both Mr. And Mrs Sandmeyer as teachers of faith and the many happy hours and overnights at their cabin and just being friends to anyone ...Mr. Sandmeyer never forgot who I was even when I visited him at the Nursing home while visting with Maxine and Will Russell.....he was loved...



**Melody Kinney Hollenbach** - March 15, 2017 at 06:52 AM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss, we pray that God will comfort you during your time of grief now & in the days ahead. I remember meeting him first as my elementary principal, then I became his next door neighbor, who let me adopt his cat, Pepper. I will always remember his kind, calm demeanor.  
With sympathy & prayers,  
Rodney & Betty (Tilburg) Gohl

**Betty (Tilburg) Gohl** - March 15, 2017 at 06:42 AM

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“ Norma L Winder lit a candle in memory of William R. "Bill" Sandmeyer



**Norma L Winder** - March 14, 2017 at 05:28 PM

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“ My sincere sympathy to all of Mr. Sandmeyer's family.  
Mr. Sandmeyer was our guidance counselor when I was a student at Montgomery HS.  
He conducted a guidance class when I was in 9th grade.  
I have always appreciated his advice and support he gave to me. He helped me to become aware that a tenant farmer's son could explore other careers and to gain further education. His encouragement was helpful for me to become a teacher and administrator in special education. Thank you , Mr. Sandmeyer.

**Chuck Ranck, class of 64** - March 14, 2017 at 11:07 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I can only imagine the reunion in heaven. I know my parents, Glen and Vivian Derrick, will be in line with hugs to greet Bill. He and my dad were close friends and spent much time together. I enjoyed the times we visited as well. I loved his Denver of humor. I think of Bill every time I park in a parking lot. Dad said Bill always looked for a "pull through". They affectionately called it a "Billy pull through". He loved his girls and his grandchildren so very much. Also loved his fur babies and always had a story to tell us about one of them. He will be missed by so many. Praying for the family. God bless.

**Connie Baysore** - March 14, 2017 at 06:59 AM