William Nesthus "Bill" Herr Jr. (FCAS 1998)

1961-2022

William Nesthus "Bill" Herr Jr. died peacefully among his family. He was born in Youngstown, Ohio, to William and Joanne Herr. He moved to Toledo when he was young and attended St. John's Jesuit High School, where he was a National Merit Scholarship finalist and a successful varsity athlete in football, wrestling and track. Herr earned a degree in chemical engineering from Cornell University and taught math at his former high school while earning a Master's in Education at the University of Toledo. He also assisted with coaching several sports, including wrestling, track and football. His sharp analytical mind, unflagging work ethic and toughness helped lead the teams he coached to success, and he was at his happiest when he was prowling the sidelines as defensive coordinator. He married Eleanor "Ellie" Chamberlin in 1996, and they raised two children together. He was quiet but possessed a snappy wit and impeccable timing. He loved classic rock music, especially Bob Dylan, and sports, particularly wrestling and football. His undeniable intellect was matched by his sense of responsibility. He was a kind, tough, generous and fair person who worked hard to do the right thing, even if it was difficult or unpleasant. Preceded in death by his parents, Herr is survived by his wife; children, Elece and Liam; siblings, Mary, Mike and Chris; his in-laws; and many extended family members.