



## Greg Bush

February 9, 1972 - July 8, 2015

Greg Bush, age 43, of Bourbonnais, passed away Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at his home. He was born February 9, 1972, in Elmhurst, the son of Gordon & Geri Yeager Bush. Greg married Allison Syrcle August 9, 1997.

Greg grew up in Elmhurst where he graduated from York High School. After high school he attended Butler University in Indianapolis, IN, where he graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in accounting. Greg worked for Armstrong World Industries for nine years, spending seven of those years in Kankakee as the controller/financial manager of the Kankakee flooring plant. Prior to working at Armstrong, Greg worked for 13 years at Thompson Consumers Electronics in various finance roles across the country including two years at the company's international headquarters in Paris, France. He served numerous organizations over the years including his church, United Way, committees through the school district and Cub Scouts. He was involved in Relay for Life, speaking at the Kankakee County Relay for Life survivor lunch on behalf of Armstrong for two years. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed fantasy sports. He also enjoyed running and participation in various races in the area.

Surviving are his wife, Allison Bush of Bourbonnais; four children, Adam, Abigail, Paige, and Andrew, all at home; his father, Gordon Bush of Bourbonnais; one brother, Pete Bush & Sarah Palmer of Chicago; one sister,

Ginny Bush & Mike Campise of Villa Park; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Susan & Reggie Syrcle of Valparaiso, IN; two aunts, Peggy & Ralph O'Connell of Elmhurst and Carol McCollum of Austin, TX; and numerous cousins.

He is preceded in death by his mother and two uncles, Hap McCollum and Robert Ruth.

Cremation Rites will be accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 10 a.m. Saturday, July 18, 2015, until the 12 Noon memorial service at Grace Community United Methodist Church in Bourbonnais. Pastor Mary Brady will officiate the service.

Private family inurnment will be held at a later date.

Memorial gifts may be made for his children's education.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUL 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais Grace Community United Methodist Church  
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Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
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# Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to Greg's Family.*



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**Tim & Vickie Bertrand** - July 18, 2015 at 07:12 PM

JR

“ *Greg and I worked together at Armstrong for a few years. During that time he defied the stereotype for "bean counter" with his wit and personality. When I took up jogging Greg was there, offering support and running races in the area, including the 5k on Thanksgiving morning when we finished a few seconds apart! My favorite memory of Greg will always be watching the Blackhawks win the Cup from his living room, when Greg LOST HIS MIND, jumping around and spilling beer like a crazy person, then busting out the champagne for everyone. There is no better example of a husband, father, friend, coworker, competitor, or person than Greg Bush. Rest now, we will see you again. My condolences to and prayers for the family. God bless.*

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**Jim Regnier** - July 18, 2015 at 11:09 AM

  
Allison  
Bush

*Thanks for sharing this Carl! 😊*

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**Allison Bush** - July 27, 2015 at 04:11 PM



“ 100 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - July 16, 2015 at 10:37 AM

TC

“ I grew-up in Elmhurst and I spent countless hours playing basketball with the Bush brothers at Marjorie Davis Park. We were a tight nit group of neighborhood kids that every summer day we knew to go to the park and we would play basketball from sun up to sun down. Greg was guaranteed to be there and you always knew the games would be competitive because of the attendees. We would play against each other and learn the strengths and weaknesses of each person’s game. It was almost like practice for when someone from outside the neighborhood would show-up to the park and challenge us. I am sure we didn’t look intimidating but we always found a way to win. We would play as a team and play to our strengths as a group. Many better basketball players came to Marjorie Davis Park and left shocked after losing to our team of local legends. Greg was a major contributor to the team. He wasn’t the best shooter, passer or defender but he made the players around him better. Greg made the extra pass. I know this is a sports analogy but Greg was selfless. He understood we won as a team and it wasn’t individual achievement that gets you there. I learned from Greg at a very young age that hard work goes a long way and it motivates others. Greg was the ultimate teammate.

*I haven’t talked to Greg in many years and I was saddened by the recent news. However, it took me back to Marjorie Davis Park and the core value that I learned from him. Make the extra the pass and make those around you better. He did it with such ease.*

*We lost a local legend.*

*Tom Christman*

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**Tom Christman** - July 13, 2015 at 10:14 PM

GB

*Thank you Tom for sharing your memories.  
Ginny*

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**ginny bush** - July 14, 2015 at 05:01 PM

ND

“ To Family,

*I had the privilege of working with Greg a little over a year when I transferred from the Flooring Plant in Montreal Canada back 2009-10. Greg made me feel right at home and made my time in Kankakee very enjoyable. I was not aware of his condition and it very much saddened me when I heard about it last week. My deepest sympathy goes out to all your Family,*

*Normand Dubé*

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**Normand Dubé** - July 13, 2015 at 07:03 PM

MA

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. Such sad news.  
Ray and Miriam Adde

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**Miriam Ade** - July 13, 2015 at 12:31 PM

LL

“ Allison and family,

*My name is Lisa Loper and I am the controller for the Jackson, MS Armstrong plant and I had the privilege of knowing Greg over the last 3 years. Greg was such a joy to work with and be around. He was always available to help with anything and had a "teacher" spirit about him. His laugh was infectious and even when you knew he had to be struggling, he had a gift of making everyone around him feel good. Such an unassuming and inspiring good man. He will be sorely missed. My heart felt prayers are with you and the family.*

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**Lisa Loper** - July 13, 2015 at 10:01 AM

HA

“ *My condolences to the Bush family on Greg' passing. Greg's Mother and I were co-Den Mothers in Cub Scouts. I know she would have been so proud of Greg's loving family and his life accomplishments. Sorry to have learned of his illness and death. Heidi Adelman*

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**heidi Adelman** - July 12, 2015 at 12:42 PM

SJ

“ I'm not one to look for any profound meaning in this, nor can I speak to whatever fighting spirit Greg gave in recent months and years, but I can say that I'm deeply saddened by the whole situation and that I prefer to remember Greg as the giggling, laid-back guy who had a knack for putting people at ease and making you feel good about yourself. I'll never forget his hand-to-mouth, bent-over-at-the-waist, convulsing laugh, as if whatever you said was the funniest thing he'd ever heard. Lord knows my humor is an acquired taste, but Greg always made me feel like I was the most witty man alive. He was probably the most unpretentious man I ever met; in a world of people trying too hard to be like everyone else, Greg never tried to be anything but who he was. He was an easy guy to like, and to love, and although it's incredibly unfair (to say the least) the way his life went over the past 3 1/2 years, I prefer to remember the happy-go-lucky, easy-going kid whose only care in the world seemed to be to talk and do his spastic giggle and be around friends.

One of my favorite moments being a sportswriter came a few years back, when I was covering a University of Washington basketball game in San Jose during the NCAA tournament. I was sitting courtside when I got a text from Greg asking if that was me next to the court. I thought maybe he'd seen me on TV, but pretty soon he told me to look across, the way, in Row Whatever. There he was, sitting next to his beautiful wife, watching his beloved Butler Bulldogs and afterward the three of us went out and talked and laughed and had a good old time. I must admit, I've been a closet Butler fan ever since ... if only for Greg.

I met Greg as a somewhat awkward teenager, the younger brother of my college best friend, Pete. Watching from afar as he grew into a confident, genuine man was a pure pleasure, and I won't ever forget him.

I'll continue to wave the Butler Bulldogs flag for him -- easy to do, seeing as my favorite college team (Bradley) has zero chance of ever being relevant (not that that stopped me from betting Greg on

*the rare occasion that the two BUs met) -- and will get a little smile on my face, maybe even a giggle, whenever I see the Bulldogs on TV or catch Brad Stevens on the Celtics' bench.*

*There's not really a great way to end this, other than to pass along a letter Greg sent around to a lot of us three years ago, shortly after he went through his first brain surgery. The letter meant a lot to me then, and it does now, and I've looked at it many times for inspiration when the piddly things in my own life aren't going the way I'd have liked.*

*Cheers to Greg Bush ...*

*Scott "Scronnie" Johnson*

*From Greg, May 17, 2012:*

*Better every day*

*Been a surreal 2 months kind of like when mom died years ago.... dealing every day, but getting better each day(ready for football!). Have enjoyed reconnecting with some old friends though like you !*

*S Johnson has been a special person in our families life and glad to see that continuing*

*Take care my friend*

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**Scott Johnson** - July 11, 2015 at 07:10 PM

GB

*Love this so much!*

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**ginny bush** - July 11, 2015 at 07:30 PM

PA

*Wow... All I could hear while I read it was that laughter I heard so many time when we visited him in rehab. Despite everything he still laughed. You'd think he was sleeping and than you'd hear laughter and look over and Greg would have a smile on his face. So beautiful are these memories!!*

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**Pam** - July 11, 2015 at 08:17 PM

TF

“ *I always looked forward to talking with Greg at church. It was always clear to see how dedicated he was as a father and husband. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Allison and family.*

*Joe, Lana, Caroline, and Benji*

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**Tietjens Family** - July 11, 2015 at 08:55 AM

MP

“ *Many hugs and prayers for the entire family. Greg was a wonderful young man, husband, and father. Have not seen you in many years but always kept informed. May our Lord continue to embrace and walk with you now and always.*

*Deepest sympathy and love,  
Larry and Margie Pixey*

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**margie pixey** - July 10, 2015 at 01:46 PM

RO

“ *Roberta J. Olson lit a candle in memory of Greg Bush*



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**Roberta J. Olson** - July 10, 2015 at 01:37 PM

SM

“ *Many prayers and warm thoughts to all.*

*Shelly Gary McClanahan*

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**Shelly McClanahan** - July 10, 2015 at 11:42 AM

JO

“ *Allison,*

*My name is Jon Oakley and unfortunately we never had the opportunity to meet. I am the Director of Tile Manufacturing at Armstrong and had the pleasure to work with Greg for the past year and a half. I wanted you to know that you and your family are in my prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. Greg was a great man and will truly be missed by many. If there is anything that the Armstrong family can do to support during this time do not hesitate to let me know.*

*Jon Oakley  
812-212-8183*

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**Jon Oakley** - July 10, 2015 at 11:10 AM

LS

“ Greg was such an amazing person. I feel so blessed to have known him and had the pleasure to work with him at Armstrong. He was always so nice and friendly and always had something wonderful to say. Greg will truly be missed and i know that he touched so many lives while he was here and we are all better for him being in our lives.

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**Lauryn Steel** - July 10, 2015 at 06:27 AM

CM

“ My heartfelt sympathy to the Bush family. Greg battled fearlessly, and shared selflessly. He has helped me in my personal cancer fight and I will miss my friend. Rest in peace.

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**Chris M.** - July 10, 2015 at 05:20 AM