



## William Charles Langford Jr.

December 16, 1943 - May 28, 2021

Lafayette -

William (Bill) Charles Langford, Jr., 77, died on Friday, May 28, 2021, in Lafayette after a fierce battle with brain cancer.

Bill was born in Waycross, GA on December 16, 1943. He graduated from Clemson University in South Carolina and went on to serve in the Army in Vietnam. He was married to his bride Mary for nearly 50 years. She, their children, and grandchildren meant everything to him. After retiring from the oil industry, Bill moved to his sanctuary at Cherokee Ridge Horse Farm in Carencro, LA with his wife Mary. His love for nature and animals, especially his dogs and horses, flourished there. It became a healing place for him and resulted in a passion for him and his horses to hold space so that others might do the same. At his core, Bill was a man after God's own heart. His faith in Jesus was life changing and deeply important to him. Bill's favorite things included hanging out with the people he loved, doing equine therapy with kids and other veterans, riding around in his gator with his grandkids, cutting hay, laughing, telling stories, eating good food, and drinking red wine. He leaves a legacy of kindness, generosity, humor, and love. Bill lived a mighty and beautiful life. We are all better for having known him.

Bill is survived by his wife Mary Blum Langford; his son and daughter-in-law Josh and Jenny Langford and their children Will, Kyra, Ethan, Jack, Zoe, Caleb, and Sofia; his daughter Carrie Langford Begnaud and her children Elias, Deacon, and Forest; his daughter Dana Langford and her children Liam and Stella as well as their father John Bennett. He is also survived by his brother Hal Langford.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents William (Bill) and Sarah Langford, Sr., his grandparents, aunts, uncles, and one grandchild.

Throughout his life, people were drawn to Bill for his uniquely genuine heart. He saw and heard them, met them where they were and cared about them, only wanting the best for

them.

To honor Bill's wishes, his family is not having a memorial service. Bill had a huge heart for the people of Haiti, in particular the people of Picot Church. He and Mary loved their Haitian family and were blessed to travel there many times over the past 19 years.

Donations in Bill's name can be made through Reciprocal Ministries International at <http://www.rmibridge.org> in care of Picot Church in Haiti.

Online obituary and guestbook may be viewed at <http://www.CypressFunerals.Com>

Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 West Lafayette St., Maurice, LA. 70555, 337-740-3123, is in charge of arrangements.

# Comments

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“ There is not many that can compare to Bill in our eyes. His guidance, his passion for life, family and his animals and his never ending energy drew us to him. Our heart breaks for you Mary and family for this huge loss and we pray for your comfort and healing. We are right here if you need help with anything!  
Dudley, Melissa, Chantz and Destiny  
Babineaux

**Melissa** - June 05 at 04:35 PM

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“ A truly kind soul who cared about people and loved his horses and dogs. I will always cherish the time I spent sitting in his office at the farm or riding around on the Gator with him while pondering the mysteries of breeding thoroughbreds (a passion we had in common). He took such good care of my rather challenging old TBs Slim and Bogie. I am sure they were waiting to welcome him home and I am sure Sonny will find him when he gets there.

To Mary and the family - if there is anything I can do for you please let me know.

**Joan Wojak** - June 04 at 09:49 PM

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“ Josh, Jenny and family,

May God bless you with comfort and peace. You are all in our prayers.

Wendy & Rocky Rogers

**Wendy Rogers** - June 04 at 08:25 PM

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“ Oh, Bill! Mary.....my heart and love are with you and your family. It was a joy to meet him and to know your love for him and his for you and the family. Praying for God's peace and comfort. Jennifer Glasscock

**Jennifer Glasscock** - June 04 at 07:40 PM

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“ When I first moved to Lafayette nearly 20 years ago to work for a college ministry, Bill and Mary took me into their home until I could find an apartment to move into. We had never met beforehand. Right away, I knew this was a special couple. As the Lord grew our ministry there over the years, Bill and Mary both became pillars of support, encouragement, counsel, love and grace to our staff and to so many of the students that came to be connected with our ministry. They ministered to me as well as many others around me. I'm so grateful to them both for their kindness over the years. And though my heart is sad with Bill's loss, there is certainly so much to celebrate from his life. - Melanie Rogers

**Melanie Rogers** - June 04 at 04:53 PM



“ Bill and Mary offered so much healing to so many. He will truly be missed, as will his good will and heart for people and animals alike. The world needs more hearts like his. Until we meet to ride together one day, my friend.

**megan kersch** - June 05 at 08:37 AM

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“ Love from all the Addingtons. I will miss my old friend. Nancy

**Nancy Addington** - June 04 at 02:11 PM



“ I went on a mission trip to Haiti with Bill and Mary several years ago. I sprained my foot and I had a difficult time walking in the airport, so he suggested getting a wheel chair for me. That got us first in line every where we went. I loved his smile and personality. I'm glad to have spent time with him on that trip and it was always nice seeing him at church.  
Sincerely, Elaine Speyrer

**Elaine Speyrer** - June 05 at 05:49 PM

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“ Bill was a good friend, always accepting and generous, he was dependable and fair, he encompassed all the traits of a true man of God. We are praying for the family's strength and courage during this grieving time. All our love, Sue, Auna, Joel

**Auna Hallford** - June 03 at 11:17 AM

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“ I rode horses at his facility from time to time. He was a kind and fair man. His presence will be missed in our horse community. RIP Bill. God be with your soul and your family.

**Janice Leblanc** - June 03 at 09:48 AM

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“ Cathy Nelson lit a candle in memory of William Charles Langford Jr.



**Cathy Nelson** - May 30 at 07:47 AM

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“ Bill Langford is my first cousin but he's more of a brother. We grew up together as boys, painting our grandparents ten acre front porch in Waycross Ga and harassing stray cats with slingshots our grandfather, Papa Jim, made for us. Bill was a rare man who made the world a better place for all who knew him. I love you Brother and I'll miss terribly. I'll keep an eye on your family and do anything in my power for them. Your Brother, Jim

**Jim Underwood** - May 29 at 10:19 AM



“ There is simply no one like our Bill! We will miss him! We cherish every talk we had, his wine, his welcome, his bending of rules...he was a safe loving gruffy presence! These Canadians will forever be grateful to have known him.

**liz and jim honeyford** - June 04 at 03:38 PM



“ Prayers for the family!!

Paul & Jo Ann Gary

**JoAnn Gary** - June 04 at 04:36 PM