



Dr. Bill Oldham

October 30, 1934 - October 18, 2022

Bill Wayne Oldham was born on Oct 30, 1934 in Pattonville, Lamar County, Texas to parents Herschel H Oldham & Margaret Irene McDowra Oldham. The youngest of eight children, Bill started public school at age 6 and spent the rest of his secondary education in public schools in Lamar County, graduating in 1952 with honors from Lamar County High School.

Bill attended Abilene (Texas) Christian College from 1952-1956, earning a BS degree in Mathematics and later his MS degree from Oklahoma State College at Stillwater, OK and finally his Doctor's degree from the University of Northern Colorado.

He taught in public schools in New Mexico and Oklahoma and at Hardin College/University from 1962-2000 serving as a Professor of Mathematics and Director of Math Education, training hundreds of secondary school math teachers. He also served several smaller congregations across Arkansas as a minister throughout his time at Harding.

He married Monda Ruth Underwood of Carbon, Texas on Jan 30, 1954. She passed away on Jan 8, 2018.

Bill was preceded in death with the passing of his father and mother, both in 1982 and his brothers: Joe in 1977, James in 1994, Ray in 1999, H. Jim in 2018 and sisters Virginia Oldham Anthony in 2003 and Wanda Jane Oldham Burns in 2017 and numerous Nieces and Nephews. He is also preceded in death by his son Dr Brent Oldham of Little Rock, AR. He is survived by brother Cecil Dwight Oldham of McKinney , TX; two sons, Clifford Oldham of

Trafalgar, Indiana, Bill W. Oldham, Jr. and wife Casandra of Leesburg, Virginia; one daughter-in-law, Vaneesa Oldham of Mablevale, Arkansas; eight grandchildren, Caitie Oldham Riggs and husband John of Indianapolis, Indiana, Joshua Oldham and wife Tetyana of Dallas, Texas, Jonathan Oldham of Conway, Arkansas, Tristan Oldham of Leesburg, Virginia, Gareth Oldham of Leesburg, Korlan Oldham of Leesburg, Natasha Pumphrey and husband Craig of Marshall, North Carolina, Anatasia Iglesias and husband Juan of Little Rock, Arkansas; and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at the Powell Funeral Home Chapel in Searcy from 5:00p.m. - 7:30p.m. Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at the Westside Church of Christ at 2:00p.m. Interment will follow in the Oldham Family Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26.** 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)
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Funeral Service

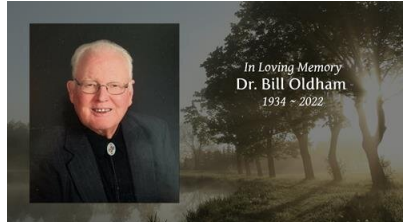
OCT **27.** 2:00 PM (CT)

West Side Church of Christ
709 West Arch
Searcy, AR 72143

Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Bill Oldham



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - October 26, 2022 at 01:33 PM

DS

“ On behalf of our Facebook Group Page "Remembering Fort Sumner" we offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Bill Oldham. May the Lord provide strength during this difficult time!

Dale Burge (Remembering Fort Sumner) - October 28, 2022 at 10:41 PM

MM

“ Mark and Linda Messick purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Bill Oldham.



Mark and Linda Messick - October 26, 2022 at 12:05 AM

TS

“ Tom Shively purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dr. Bill Oldham.



Tom Shively - October 25, 2022 at 10:10 PM

WH

“ Wes Gorman and Cindy Gorman Hardin purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dr. Bill Oldham.



Wes Gorman and Cindy Gorman Hardin - October 25, 2022 at 03:42 PM

CJ

“ Bill, I am sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. I'm sorry to have also learned of the passing of your mom and brother Brent. I enjoyed having you boys in my classes, and your mom as a teacher colleague. May God grant a blessing to you as you go through the coming days and weeks. May God's powerful Hand sustain you through the days ahead.

Craig Jones - October 25, 2022 at 03:13 PM

SR

“ Dr. O, as I affectionately called him, was so gracious and kind to me when I first started teaching. Our friendship grew over the years and came to know him as a really good friend. I loved Dr. O and I will never forget our times together in the Science Building, at church, and other places. One of his self-deprecating jokes he used to say as he got older was that he was no longer a "New"ham but just an "Old"ham. I bet he would say to me now, "Rags, I'm a "New"ham once again!!! RIP Dr. O!!!

Scott S Ragsdale - October 25, 2022 at 02:48 PM

RB

“ Donna and I send our heartfelt condolences. No words can really heal your pain, the support of family and friends can, with time, soften your loss. Ron and Donna Blanck

Ronald Blanck - October 25, 2022 at 09:32 AM

PE

“ In the fall of 2015, I took my mom to your parents’ house for a sibling reunion with your parents, Jim & Clara, and Dwight & Jan. It was a great weekend full of laughter and music. Unfortunately, Mom became ill and had to be hospitalized in Searcy, so I stayed another week with your parents while Mom recovered in the hospital. It was a very special time for me. After staying with Mom all day, I was welcomed back to your parents’ home by Monda’s scrumptious cooking (she fried okra every night just because it was my favorite) and many deep conversations with your dad about faith and family. Uncle Bill was naturally curious, always had a quick quip and a sharp sense of humor, had the Oldham musical gift, and most importantly, he loved God and his family deeply. He will be missed, but what a joy to know that he’s with your mom and Brent and the rest of the family.

I’m sad to say that Tommy and I won’t be able to be at the service on Thursday, but we will be holding you all close in our hearts and prayers and send our love.

Priscilla Eaker - October 24, 2022 at 05:00 PM

YF

“ Your AscellaHealth Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Bill Oldham.



Your AscellaHealth Family - October 24, 2022 at 01:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Bill Oldham.*



October 24, 2022 at 12:53 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Bill Oldham.*



October 24, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ *Fred And Catherine Cecere purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dr. Bill Oldham.*



Fred And Catherine Cecere - October 24, 2022 at 12:03 PM