



William Edwin "Ed" Land

December 31, 1935 - May 23, 2026

William Edwin "Ed" Land was born on December 31, 1935, in Biscoe, Arkansas, and departed this life on May 23, 2026, in Searcy, Arkansas. He was preceded in death by his father, William Otis Land; his mother, Lillian Lorene Crounce Land; and his sister Gloria Land.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Melba Dean Dawson Land; one son, Stephen (Erika) Land of Lincolnton, North Carolina; and one daughter, Angie Holloway of Fayetteville, Arkansas. He is also survived by five grandchildren: Ashley (Kyle) Harris, Krista (Paul) Crouch, Will Land, Kyle (Madison) Land, and Selby (Austin) Harris, Jack Crouch, Knox Crouch, and Lennox Land.

Ed graduated from Cotton Plant High School and later attended Harding University, Arkansas State University, and the University of Central Arkansas. He taught for 15 years at Crowley's Ridge Academy, where he served as both a math teacher and superintendent. During his time there, he also founded Crowley's Ridge Youth Camp.

He later taught for 27 years at Harding Academy in Searcy, where he taught Algebra and Geometry and served as guidance counselor. He also served White County as a Justice of the Peace for 14 years.

Ed and Melba participated in mission campaigns to Russia for four summers and to Hungary for one summer. They also volunteered at the hospital in Searcy for many years.

Ed faithfully served as a minister of the gospel for 62 years, most of that time with the West Point Church of Christ.

A visitation will be held at Powell Funeral Home of Searcy on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Services will follow at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow at White County Memorial Gardens in Searcy. Arrangements entrusted with Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)
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Funeral Service

MAY 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Interment

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White County Memorial Gardens
Eastline Road and Park Avenue
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