



## 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 Crouce 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 Shelby (Austin) Harris, and five great-grandchildren: Maddy Harris, Hannah 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](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)  
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy  
Searcy, AR 72143  
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## Funeral Service

MAY 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Interment

MAY 27 (CT)

White County Memorial Gardens  
Eastline Road and Park Avenue  
Searcy, AR 72143

# Tribute Wall

KR

“ MR. LAND WAS MY TEACHER AND ALWAYS NICE TO ME AND I APPRECIATED THAT. STEVE , SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.  
KATHY BROWN

KATHRYN A ROWE - June 02 at 12:03 PM

DW

“ Mr. Land to me, was a teacher, and leader of future men. I learned more than math from him. He had a easy manner in his teaching. I believe I'm a lot better off knowing him. Sorry to his family and friends for your loss.

Donald Weaver - May 31 at 12:47 AM

SJ

“ We were thankful Brother Ed was part of our lives. I know he is rejoicing in paradise! Our hearts are with sweet Melba and family. I'm thankful for each of you! May God Grant you peace in your hearts now and forever . Love always , The Walker -Jenkins family.

Sarah Jenkins - May 27 at 04:49 PM

TF

“ The NC Campbell Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Edwin "Ed" Land.



The NC Campbell Family - May 27 at 09:18 AM

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“ The NC Campbell Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Edwin "Ed" Land.

The NC Campbell Family - May 27 at 09:18 AM

KB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for you and family.

Karen Brooks - May 27 at 09:15 AM

JJ

“ I'm saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Land. My deepest condolences to the Land family during this difficult time.

*As my Guidance Counselor at Harding Academy in the 80's he was always a steady and positive influence. He treated me as an adult with respect and concern for my future. I'll always appreciate his candid and sincere advice and guidance. He was one of my favorite leaders and just felt all was in good hands when he was around.*

*Thanks Mr. Land for having my best interest at heart. It was never lost on me. Bless you.*

John Paul Capps, Jr. - May 26 at 11:36 PM

PN

“ Pam, Jim & Mary, Scott and Norma purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William Edwin "Ed" Land.



Pam, Jim & Mary, Scott and Norma - May 26 at 10:08 AM

GW

“ Saddened to hear of the passing of Ed Land. Condolences to Melba. My memories of Ed & Melba are more than 50 years old, they are good memories. The world was a better place with Ed in it. Ed stood with us when we became Mr Dwayne & Mrs Karen Winters! Thanks Edward!

G Dwayne Winters - May 25 at 07:22 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William Edwin "Ed" Land.



May 25 at 11:02 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Edwin "Ed" Land.

May 25 at 11:02 AM

RC

“ Brother Land was a model of Christian living for me. He lived his life in step with his deep knowledge of the Word and was one of the kindest people I've known. Prayers for peace for sweet Melba and the family.

Rene' Crow - May 25 at 10:56 AM



“ Kind , quiet , and soft spoken . He possessed a plethora of knowledge about many things ; to help others determine what direction and choices they might be interested in for their future . He was always eager for a topic of conversation when approached with questions , and generally had a thought out response he'd present in return . Making time for others came as a natural ability ; and upon completion of conversation you'd always walk away feeling better informed and even better knowing that a friend was made for a life time . Sorry to hear about the passing , and may you REST IN PEACE !

Cary Higbee (Len) - May 24 at 11:31 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of William Edwin "Ed" Land.



May 24 at 09:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Edwin "Ed" Land.

May 24 at 09:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Edwin "Ed" Land.



May 24 at 05:19 PM



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May 24 at 05:19 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Ed Land. I am so glad he moved his family to Searcy ro teach and work at Harding Academy. He blessed so many of us!! Blessings to all of you!

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**Zachary Muncy** - May 24 at 04:18 PM



“ He was the class sponsor for the 1966 CRA class. When I got married in 1967 we asked him to perform the ceremony, and he did. He did a great job because it has lasted for 59 years as of this year. I always had a lot of admiration for him. He will be missed this year at the alumni banquet.

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**Linda Hewett Harvey** - May 24 at 03:56 PM