



# Mr. William Lester Branch

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**W**illiam (Bill) Lester Branch, age 63 of Nashville, TN passed away Tuesday, September 24, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Cathy Hardaway Branch; daughter, Bonnie Branch; parents, Janette and Bill Prescott; sister, Lanette Burr; stepbrothers, Jamey Prescott(Jenny), Bruce Prescott(Faith), Tim Prescott(Ronna). He was the President and Principal Broker of Life Style Real Estate Advisors, Inc. He graduated from Montgomery Bell Academy and Florida Southern College. He began his career as the owner of a motorcycle dealership, then spent twenty years in sales and marketing in custom book publishing with FRP, a division of The Southwestern Company. During his years with Southwestern, Bill developed numerous national and international accounts that resulted in a number of award-winning books.

Bill was an avid outdoorsman - enjoying hiking, kayaking, scuba diving and paddle boarding. Bill instilled in his daughter, Bonnie, a passion for service, learning and adventure. Passions that led her to choose teaching as her profession. Bill was all about relationships; for 35 years he met, once a week, to run with the same group of friends at Warner Parks.

Bill loved Rugby, TN where he served on the Board of Directors of Historic Rugby, Inc. He was a loyal husband, father, son and friend. Bill enjoyed cooking a meal, reading a good book and lifting others up with his collection of inspirational quotes.

“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made in Bill's honor to Historic Rugby, Inc., P.O. Box 8, Rugby, TN 37733 [historicrugby.org](http://historicrugby.org)



## Obituary

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Visitation will be held at Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, TN 37216, on October 3, 2019 from 10AM until 12PM. Graveside service to follow at 12PM.



# Events

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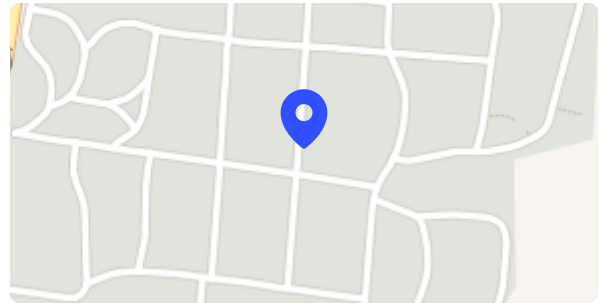
## Visitation

- Thursday**, October 3, 2019
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT
- Spring Hill Funeral Home**  
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



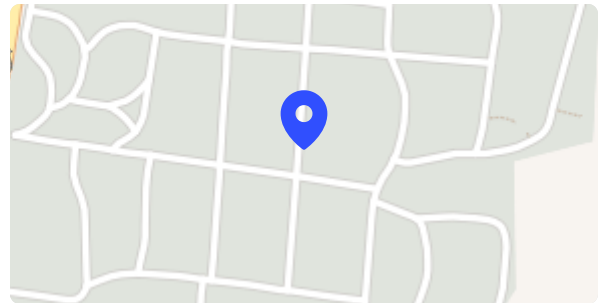
## Graveside

- Thursday**, October 3, 2019
- 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM CT
- Spring Hill Cemetery**  
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



## Cemetery Details

- Spring Hill Cemetery**  
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- 615-866-1419**





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LO

**Loretha** posted:

I remember first meeting Bill. He gave me a hug and a kiss. Cathy said, "oh he's a hugger and a kisser", and from that day forward I always received a hug and kiss from Bill. He also gave my daughter her first vehicle (Nemo). Bill was a loving man with a big heart. We will always remember his kindness. To Cathy, Bonnie and the family my thoughts and prayers are with you. Loretha

October 2 at 7:04 AM

LD

**Leslie Dunn** posted:

Bill was the kind of man that if he said he'd be there, he was. He didn't wait to ask what needed done - he just did it. He was loyal beyond measure to his friends and adored you, Cathy. When I think about you guys, it's like one word: BillandCathy. I met Bill and Cathy through kayaking. I remember how Bill jumped on the SUP's craze long before it caught on and mastered it. We went on a moonlight paddle in Hendersonville and had to paddle under a bridge. It was a tight squeeze because the water was high. We all turned around to see how he'd manage. There he was crouched on that paddleboard and exited from under the bridge triumphant that he kept his balance. I have many more memories of you two that I will always cherish. May God hold you, Cathy, in His holy hands and comfort you through this difficult time of losing your soul mate. He was a very special man.

October 1 at 4:09 PM

DM

**Dave Mullendore** posted:

Dear Cathy, You don't know me but Bill's and my friendship started high school and went well into our late 20's. He was great guy as you know with a big heart. We had so much fun riding motorcycles, his house boat, going on trip to Florida to see FSU in high school. It was amazing how much freedom we had together experiencing the world. Bill deserved more love in the this world than he got until he met you and Cheryl Stewart. I cannot make it to the funeral because of a medical procedure. However knowing you & Cheryl along with others loved him so much gives me comfort. I wish you peace and tranquility in the days to come and thank you for loving him so much. Dave Mullendore Class of '74, friend and motorcycle buddy!

October 1 at 12:13 PM



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**Lori** posted:

Dearest Cathy, Always happy and smiling. He is that person who makes you want to be better and enjoy each moment. Our lives are greatly enhanced just by you and Bill being a friend-always welcoming us into your home. We will always remember him with a smile on our own face. Today we are lifting you up in our thoughts and prayers and raising our glass to toast that "One Good Man". He was that man. Love you dearly, Bobby and Lori Hooberry

September 30 at 10:09 AM

JS

**John Gilliat/Barbara Stagg** posted:

Cathy, though we have been gone from Rugby, Tennessee, for some years, we have never forgotten you and Bill and our too-few times with you on the back verandah of Roslyn. Bill was a remarkable and beautiful human being. We know he will live on in the hearts and minds of his family and the many, many people whose lives he impacted. Please accept our deepest condolences. John Gilliat & Barbara Stagg

September 29 at 3:06 PM

DS

**Dawn Scott** posted:

I knew Bill through his life with Cathy. Every time I saw the two of them together I witnessed their joy, contentment, devotion and love for each other. My first thought when I heard of Bill's passing was that they deserved "better". It took them a long time to find each other and couples that finally find their other half are supposed to have many decades together, not be limited to many years. I may not have been an active part of your life's, but I will always view you as a goal worth obtaining. Know you were and are loved. Dawn Scott

September 27 at 11:04 AM

JF

**Jon, Lauren And Remington Folk** posted:

Bill was such a wonderful person. Always offering a smile and a helping hand whenever he could. We are so saddened by your passing and will never forget the wonderful memories we had with you and Cathy. Our deepest condolences to Cathy, Bonnie and all of the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. With Love, Jon, Lauren and Remington Folk

September 27 at 10:41 AM



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**Anonymous** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Branch family.



September 27 at 10:37 AM



**Traci Smith** posted:

Bill was my mentor when I started in Real Estate 3 years ago, but he was so much more than that! He was always so positive and kind, and was just the coolest, nicest person to be around. I will miss his emails with his quotes, his advice on life, and comparing saying trips. Traci Smith

September 27 at 10:27 AM



**John Sloan** posted:

Bill was always a pleasure to work with. Always had a smile on his face and a great attitude. He will be greatly missed. The world needs a lot more people like Bill.

September 27 at 10:13 AM



**Biff Starks** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Thanks for all the MILES of fun. You always had the SUNSHINE on your face and the WIND to your back. Sadly missed. Rose and BIFF Starks

September 27 at 8:29 AM



**Stan, Debbie, Blake, And Brett Hardaway** sent a Basket of Memories to the Branch family.



September 27 at 5:47 AM



Biff Starks shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

September 27 at 8:29 AM



Rider of the Year



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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