



## William Mathew Lunsford Jr.

August 25, 1947 - May 8, 2025

William "Bill" Mathew Lunsford Jr., a 77-year-old resident of Fairland, passed away on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at Grand Lake Villa in Grove, Oklahoma. Bill was born on August 25, 1947, in Miami, Oklahoma, to William Mathew Sr. and Rebecca Ruth (Dowty) Lunsford.

Early in his career, Bill served as Park Superintendent for the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department in the Grand Lake area. He later worked for the City of Miami, where he rose to become the Director of Parks and Recreation. In this role, he oversaw the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery, the Civic Center, Miami City Parks, and the Miami Pool, serving the community until his retirement in 2002. Following his retirement, he worked for Ottawa County District 2 as a heavy equipment operator and mechanic until 2008.

Bill's dedication to public service reached far beyond his professional career. In 1993, he joined the Fairland Volunteer Fire Department, which held a special place in his heart. He was soon appointed Chief, a position he held with honor until his retirement in 2012. During his years with the department, he also served as a First Responder and as Director of Emergency Management for the Town of Fairland. In addition, he spent several years on the Ottawa County 911 Board and was elected to the Fairland Board of Trustees.

In 2011, Bill and his wife, Karen, began attending the First Assembly of God Church in Fairland, where they quickly found their forever church home. Bill

served as a Deacon for several years and participated in a mission trip to the Chicago Dream Center in 2015. He valued his time spent contributing to his church and was deeply committed to serving God.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William and Rebecca Lunsford, and his son, Dustin Shane Smith.

Those who will cherish Bill's memory include his wife, Karen, of the home; his daughter, Shandy Bowers and her husband, Nick, along with their children, Jaxon and Amelia, of Fairland; daughter-in-law Susan Smith and her children, Isabella and Levi, of Pielenhofen, Germany; son, William Lunsford III and his wife, Kosha, and their children, Gabriel, Xavier, and William IV, of Eucha; his sisters, Patricia Carver and her husband, Kenny, of Concan, Texas, Jeanne Corn and her husband, Don, of Miami, and Susie Hastings and her husband, Dennis, of Wyandotte; along with his many nieces and nephews.

Visitation for Bill will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at the First Assembly of God in Fairland.

Services for Bill will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 16, 2025, at the First Assembly of God in Fairland, with Reverend Jackie Crafton officiating.

Interment will follow at the Fairland Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers will include past and current members of the Fairland Volunteer Fire Department.

The Tulsa Fire Department Funeral Honors Team will provide funeral honors.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Comforting Hands Hospice and Grand Lake Villa for their excellent, compassionate care of Bill.

Friends and family are invited to send notes of encouragement to the family by visiting Bill's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fairland Cemetery

Fairland, OK 74343

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Assembly of God - Fairland  
350 South Main Street  
Fairland, OK 74343

## Celebration of Life Service

MAY **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Assembly of God - Fairland  
350 South Main Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of William Mathew Lunsford Jr.*



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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - May 15, 2025 at 11:55 AM

AC

“ *He will be with his daughter Jennifer that passed in 2019*

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**Ann Roark Cunningham** - July 30, 2025 at 12:32 AM

PE

“ *Give your daughter Jennifer a Hug for me.*

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**peggy** - May 19, 2025 at 10:49 PM

DL

“ *Bill and Karen lived next door to my sister in Fairland. Bill as a miracle mechanic fixed two of my make-do lawn mowers I brought him and happily shared a cup of his camp-fire coffee he had on the ready in his backyard. Very nice to have gotten to meet him and Karen. God bless to Karen and all of the family.*

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**Debbie Linn** - May 19, 2025 at 05:46 AM

SA

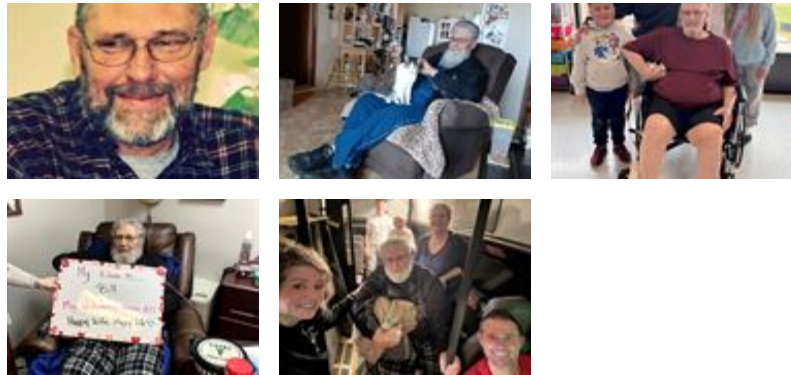
“ Sophia Angel purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of William Mathew Lunsford Jr..



Sophia Angel - May 16, 2025 at 08:53 PM



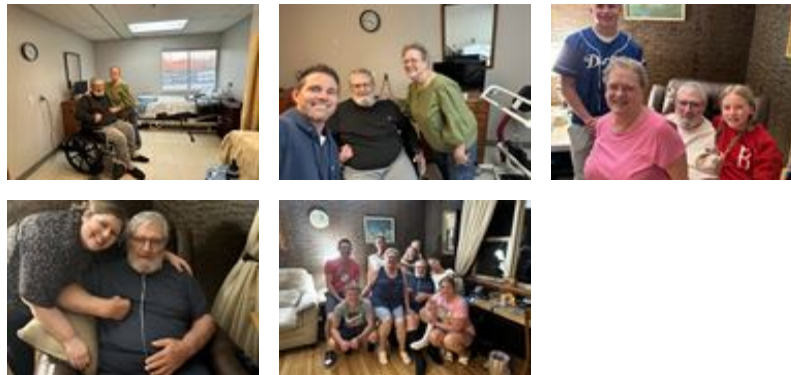
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Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - May 15, 2025 at 11:40 AM



“ 97 files added to the album Life Tributes



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - May 15, 2025 at 10:05 AM



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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - May 14, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ Shane, Melissa, & River Barnes purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of William Mathew Lunsford Jr..



**Shane, Melissa, & River Barnes** - May 13, 2025 at 09:52 AM



“ Shane, Melissa, & River Barnes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Mathew Lunsford Jr..

**Shane, Melissa, & River Barnes** - May 13, 2025 at 09:52 AM



“ I first met Bill while I was working in my families store, Ken's Farm and Home. Bill was always so pleasant to work with. I do not ever remember a time that he was not smiling, even when he had to purchase parts for something that was broken down. I saw him a few years later after we had closed the store and he was still smiling. Glad to know we will meet again in Heaven. Kathy S. Fansler (Hunsperger).

Kathy Hunsperger Fansler - May 12, 2025 at 12:16 PM



“ Bill was A Great Friend and so easy to work with all the years In Miami as Parks and Recreation director. Several years helping the Jaycees putting on the Rodeo. Most of the time was ask and Bill would follow Thru. GREAT COMMUNITY SERVANT.

Larry Gatewood - May 11, 2025 at 09:17 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Mathew Lunsford Jr..



May 11, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ Bill was a great friend and always served his community. He has helped me many times. I love you Bill. Tell my wife Hi when you get to Heaven.

Joe Clapp - May 10, 2025 at 09:14 PM

SB

“ Steve & Kristi Bashore purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Mathew Lunsford Jr..



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**Steve & Kristi Bashore** - May 10, 2025 at 11:30 AM

OH

“ He was like Brother to Rodney I Loved him and Karen and all there Families. I can't wish him back I no he is in a better place. I no poor Karen is going to need us when it's all over My Prayers for all of the Family and Karen I Pray for GOD to give you strength and Peace. I Love you my FOREVER FRIEND

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**Opal Harnar** - May 09, 2025 at 09:11 PM

MM

So sorry for your loss. Prayers 🙏 for all friends and family that loved him.

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**Marty Miller** - May 09, 2025 at 10:42 PM