



**William Lewis "Bill" Strait**  
January 27, 1926 - November 6, 2021



**William Lewis “Bill” Strait**, 95, of Beaumont, died Saturday, November 6, 2021. He was born in Columbus, Ohio on January 27, 1926. He and his family moved to Corpus Christi, Texas, in 1940, where he finished high school in 1943. He attended Texas A&I (now Texas A&M, Kingsville) one year before enlisting in the U.S. Army Air Corps, where he served two years. He attended Texas A&M where he received a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering in 1949.

Upon graduation, he worked for the Texas Highway Department, in Pharr, Texas; a geophysical exploration concern in Louisiana; consulting engineers in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Dallas, Corpus Christi, Raymondville; and a contractor in Beaumont.

In 1959, he went to work for Texaco Research in Port Arthur, being responsible for the construction of the new facilities there. In 1972, he was transferred to the Refinery where he worked on new construction and writing specifications and contracts. He retired in 1984 but returned on a consulting basis for several more years.

He met and married June Guilbeau of Opelousas, Louisiana, in 1952. They had three children: Byron (B.D.) Strait of Sour Lake, Billie Driscoll of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Beverly Aulbaugh of Beaumont; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

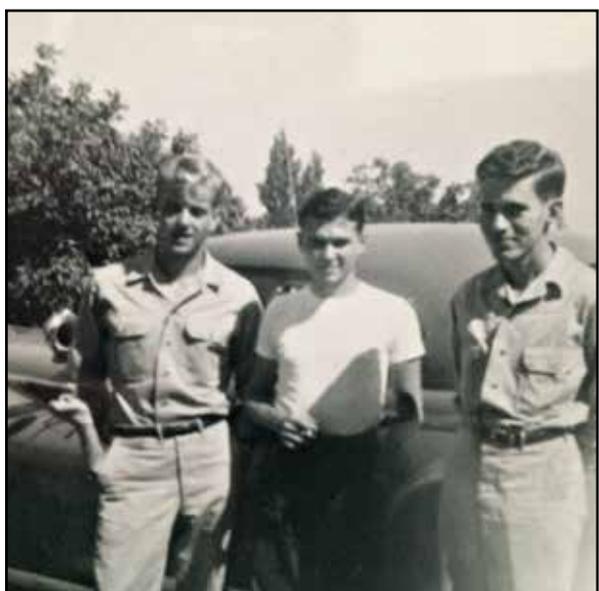
He was a diver on the swim team at Texas A&M and coached the local YMCA Swim Team for fourteen years at the downtown YMCA, YWCA, and the old Olympian Club, and the old West End YMCA.

He was a registered professional engineer, a licensed land surveyor in Texas, and a life member of the Texas and National Society of Professional Engineers. He was also a member of Tau Beta Pi, and honorary engineering society, and a former member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, and taught Sunday School continuously for 50 years. He ushered with his son and grandson and headed up a teller team. He served as Administrative Board chairman, and later was recording secretary for nine years. He was active with the Trinity Army, a group of mostly retired men who build two Habitat Houses for Humanity, countless wheelchair ramps, and other needed and repairs and improvements. He and they also worked at Some Other Place, the Wesley Foundation at Lamar University, and regularly at the church and both parsonages.

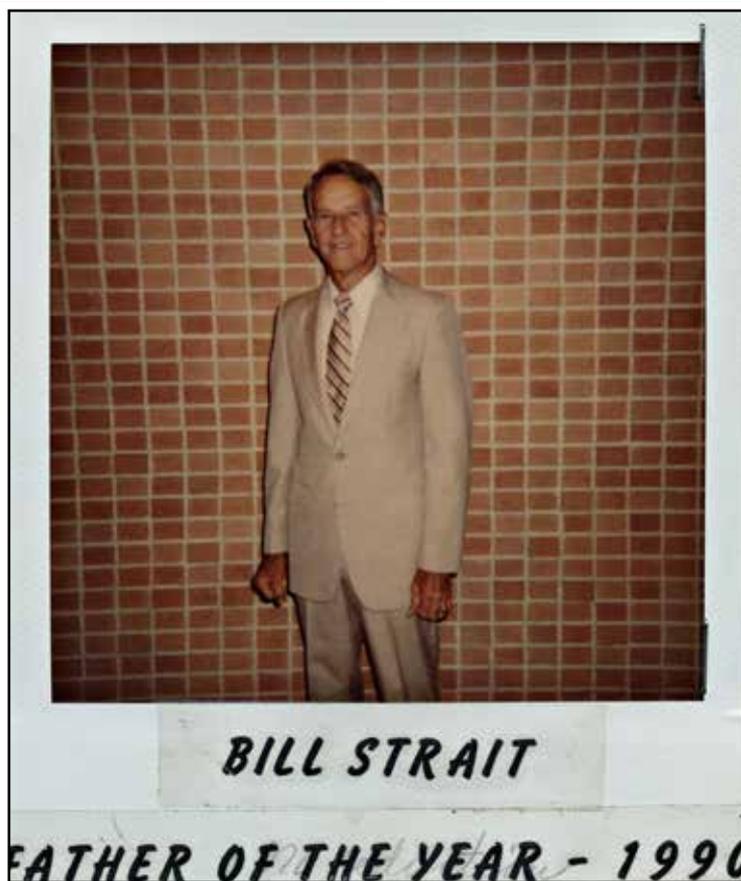
He loved classical music. He was an avid tennis player along with his wife. He swam regularly at the Wellness Center.











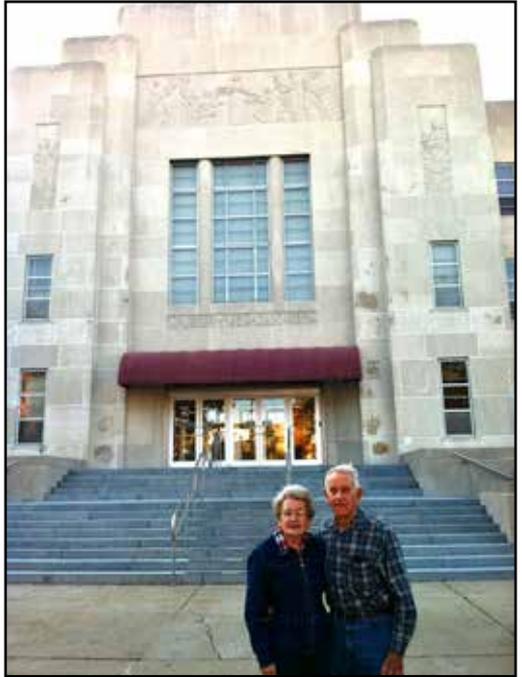
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**FATHER OF THE YEAR - 1990**









## God's Garden

God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place.  
He then looked upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew that you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So he closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered, "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you did not go alone...  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.



### Memorial Service

Saturday, November 13, 2021 10:00 a.m.  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
Beaumont, Texas  
Reverend Dr. Tommy Williams

### Memorial Contributions

Trinity United Methodist Church  
P.O. Box 5247  
Beaumont, Texas 77726

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