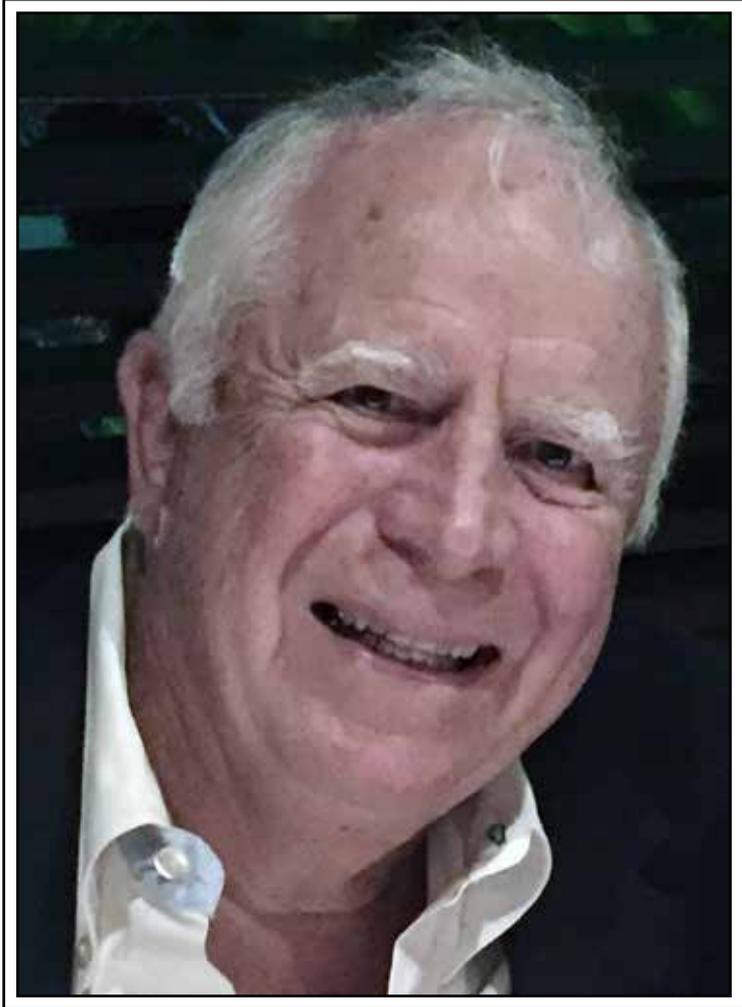


We believe that all the ties of friendship
and affection which knit us as one
throughout our lives
do not unravel
with death.

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William “Bill” Miranda, Sr.

December 19, 1936 + November 28, 2023

GATHERING RITE

GREETING AND BLESSING OF THE BODY

As a reminder of Bill's Baptism, his casket has been sprinkled with Baptismal water. Then, a pall, recalling the white garment of his Baptism, is placed on the casket.

"If we have died with Christ, we are also to live with Christ in glory."

Processional

"On Eagle's Wings"

We Celebrate #894

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm #23

Response: *"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."*

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-9

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-6

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: *"Lord, hear our prayer."*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

"One Bread, One Body"

We Celebrate #683

Eucharistic Acclamations

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith

Great Amen

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer
Sign of Peace
Lamb of God

Communion

"Ave, Maria"
Performed by Deanna Miranda Prindle

Meditation

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"
Performed by Bill Miranda, Jr.

Prayer After Communion

FINAL COMMENDATION

Invitation of Prayer

Song of Farewell:

Final Commendation: Song of Farewell (OLD HUNDREDTH)



1. Come to his/her aid, O saints of God;
2. May Christ, who called you, take you home,
3. Give him/her e - ter - nal rest, O Lord.
4. I know that my Re - deem - er lives;



Come, meet him/her, an - gels of the Lord.
And an - gels lead you to A - bra - ham.
May light un - end - ing shine on him/her.
The last day I shall rise a - gain.



Re - ceive his/her soul, O ho - ly ones;



Pre - sent him/her now to God, Most High.

Prayer of Commendation

PROCESSION TO PLACE OF COMMITAL

Recessional

"Songs of the Angels"



Bill was a loving husband, father, brother and loyal friend. He never met a stranger, having a ready smile, quick witted joke, and a helping hand for everyone he met. He lived an extremely full and colorful life and had many entertaining and fascinating life stories to share. He was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on December 19, 1936, and was the son of Ruby Dean Webb Miranda and Italian immigrant, Vincent Albert Miranda, proprietor of The Brunswick in downtown Baton Rouge. This is where Bill spent time

after school and on weekends, and where he learned his hard work ethic. However, Bill's fondest early childhood memories were of the time he spent with the Webb family in Oak Grove, Louisiana. He would spend time at the family's country store and roam the countryside with his beloved Uncle George. "Bill Fred" was a bit of a wild child to put it mildly, and a self-proclaimed real-life Huck Finn. He even had a scar on his backside from the bull that chased him across a pasture, which he probably provoked and had it coming. When Bill turned six, his father came out to the country to retrieve his son because the family thought it was time for him to come home to attend elementary school. However, this bare-footed, tobacco chewing, country boy certainly did not go back to the city willingly. On his first day of school, he chose a seat by a window, not for the view, simply so he could spit his tobacco out the window. It would take several years to domesticate "Bill Fred" but working at The Brunswick kept him busy and out of too much trouble. He attended Sewanee Military Academy in Tennessee, not for his academic accomplishments, but out of default. His parents originally wanted to send his older brother, Vince. However, Vince was so loved by all the teachers at Baton Rouge High School that they encouraged his parents to send Bill instead because he would certainly benefit from the discipline of a Military Prep School. This turned out to be the best path for Bill and he was able to channel his energy, athleticism and strength to compete in football, wrestling, boxing and gymnastics. It also introduced him to a military career. However, it was Bill's love of nature which began as a

young child spending time in the countryside of Oak Grove hunting and fishing that prompted him to pursue a forestry degree from Louisiana State University and a career in forestry management in East Texas.

The Brunswick Restaurant where young Bill Miranda tended to the soda fountain, shared a common wall with Baker Shoe Store that was managed by Carl Vorhoff, Sr. During their high school years, his two daughters, Gail and younger sister, Carol were frequent visitors to The Brunswick. The two sisters looked and dressed so much alike in their Catholic school uniforms that Bill thought it was the same person. However, it was when Bill inquired about the portrait of the beautiful young woman in the display window of the photography studio next door to The Brunswick that Bill learned that this young beauty was Gail Vorhoff, and thus their love story began. The couple courted for a year and married on August 29, 1959, and began a loving marriage that would grow and flourish for 57 years.



The newlyweds' first home was a duplex in Baton Rouge owned by Bill's parents, while he finished the last 9 credit hours of his Forestry degree at LSU. While attending LSU, Bill was also in the Army ROTC program; so, after he graduated, the young couple then moved to Fort Sill, OK so that Bill could serve out his active military duty in the Army. He then joined the Army Reserve and was honorably discharged after achieving the rank of Captain in the 5/17 Field Artillery Battalion.

In his lifetime, Bill fought forest fires in Oregon, estimated Timber in the jungles of Honduras, and marked timber all over Louisiana and the East Texas Piney Woods which brought him to his next stop in Jasper, Texas working for Newport Industries acquiring pine distillates and then as district forester for Southwestern Timber Company. While in Jasper, Bill and Gail had three children and Bill began playing golf which would later become one of his life's passions. As Bill progressed into management at Southwestern Timber Company in Jasper, Texas, his friendliness and persuasiveness made him well-suited for his role in public relations and lobbying for the interests of the forestry industry and he became active in the Texas Public Relations Association and the Texas Press Association. In his work capacity, he organized trips to view several Apollo moon launches at Cape Canaveral, Florida and actively campaigned in East Texas for political candidates such as President Richard Nixon, Senator Lloyd Benson and Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe, as well as many other local elected officials. While working for Temple-Eastex Incorporated, he was involved with the development of Rayburn Country and the Big Thicket National Preserve.

In 1974, Bill and Gail moved their three children to Beaumont and bought a home on fabled "Ivy Lane" where the schools were within walking distance and about 18 kids lived on the block. It was a great place for outdoor games of kick-the-can, whiffle ball, football and neighborhood watermelon parties. The two made wonderful life-long friendships here in Beaumont including the Broussard, Cokinos, Farnsworth, Heilman and Verret families, and it was a fortunate twist when Katherine and General Mike Cokinos, who had been Bill's commanding officer in the Army Reserve, became their neighbor across the street.

The Beach was also a favorite place for Bill. For many years, Bill and his entire Baton Rouge Miranda family would gather each year to stay on Santa Rosa Island in Florida. Later, Bill and his business partners bought a beach house at Sandy Shores in Crystal Beach along the Bolivar peninsula where he loved to surf fish and spend time with family and friends. Almost every trip to the beach would include surf fishing, a little golf and a trip on the ferry to Galveston Island for dinner at Gaido's.

It was around this time, Bill and Gail decided to study real estate together and take the real estate broker exams; and Bill would eventually start a

new career as a real estate broker, developer and property manager. Upon leaving the forestry industry, Bill initially worked for Bella Construction Company. However, as his real estate and property investments expanded with partners, Juan Garcia and Tommy Harrison, Bill then became the manager of GHM Investments. He would serve in this role until they sold their properties and even then, he continued working for Shawn Javed and his beloved Pakistani family for many years. In addition, Bill was appointed to the Board of the Jefferson County Drainage District 6 in 1997 by Commissioner Jimmie P. Cokinos and served as Secretary and Vice President in his twenty years of service. He also continued to be actively involved in real estate until his retirement in 2021.

The next many years would be punctuated by graduations, moving kids to and from college, weddings and baptisms. As empty nesters, Bill and Gail enjoyed the company of their Beaumont friends and were quite a social pair. South Padre Island also became a favorite get-away. In addition, several Beaumont restaurants also came to know these two as regulars, especially Floyd's Seafood and Carrabba's Italian Grill, until Gail passed in 2016.



Bill was a loving and devoted family man and spent quality time with them all. He would play all sorts of games with his family, including dominos, ping-pong, pool, horseshoes and of course, golf. He coached Little League baseball, was active with the Boy Scouts of America and was the official resident quarterback for the neighborhood football games on Ivy Lane. He would often share his love and appreciation of nature with his children, taking them all out to explore the forest, hunting, fishing and waterskiing at Lake

Rayburn and along the Neches River. Bill also shared many great moments with family and friends fishing, crabbing and simply boating in Galveston Bay. He would light up with glee any time he saw the seagulls “working” in the bay and rush over like a child at Christmas to get his fishing line in the water.

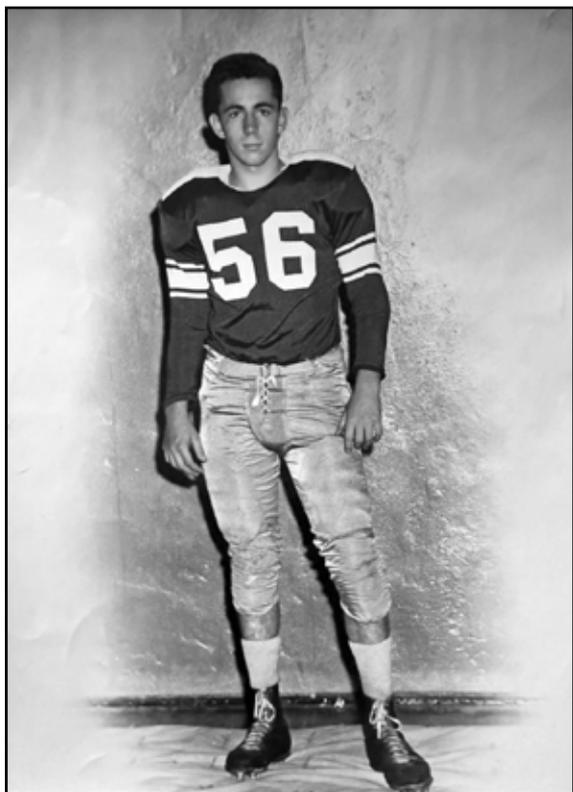
Bill was a faithful follower of our Lord Jesus Christ and was active at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church and in his community. Always a competitor, Bill was passionate about weightlifting (and socializing) at the gym and loved playing golf over the years with golf buddies at Rayburn Country Club, Beaumont Country Club and Brentwood Golf Club. In fact, he had a couple of ongoing competitions marked by cherished trophies—one with his “brother” and great friend, Carl Daniels, and a second with his beloved, Hazel. He loved to compete and often said, he was “a good loser but an even better winner.” True to his bold and fun-loving personality, Bill ensured that all knew his joy of winning by engaging in his signature “happy dance” and left us video evidence to remove all doubt.

In the last six years of his life, Bill was fortunate to meet and eventually marry in 2021, the second love of his life, Hazel Adair. She shared his passion for golf and love of travel. Together, the two enjoyed cruises, went zip-lining, took numerous golf trips, and would often be seen out on the town and dancing the night away at MacKenzie’s. He had genuinely found happiness again and embarked on many new adventures with Hazel, her three children, their spouses and grandchildren. Bill touched countless lives in his nearly 87 years and many are blessed to have known him. Although Bill Miranda will be greatly missed, he leaves a lasting legacy in the hearts of friends and family that will carry his memory.

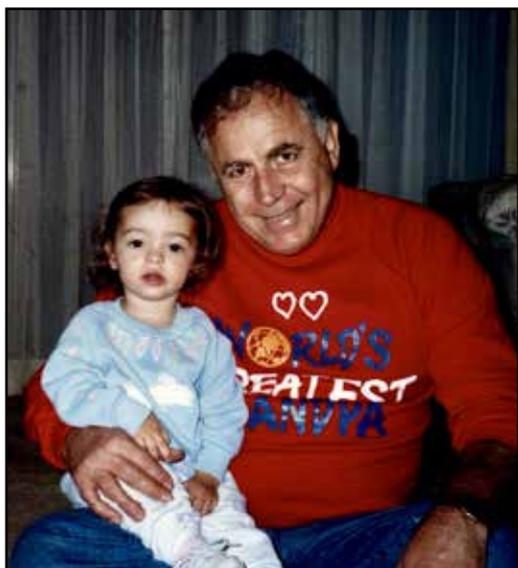
Bill is survived by his wife, Hazel Adair-Miranda; children, Bill Miranda, Jr. and his wife, Liz, of Richardson; Linda Miranda Gaudio and husband, Mark, of Scottsdale, Arizona; Jeff Miranda of Austin; Jimmy Adair and his wife, Vicki, of Orange; Janice Haney and her husband, Rusty, of Amarillo; Johnny Adair and his wife, Jessica Garth-Adair, of Beaumont; grandchildren, Meredith Miller and husband, Chance; Hillary Hard and her husband, Matt; Christopher Gaudio; Zachary Miranda; Trey Miranda; Chase Miranda; Jeromy Adair and his wife, Kristi; Julie Adair; Eric Haney and his wife, Kate; Ty Abshire; Tory Abshire; Tate Whitney; True Whitney; and Thadius Adair; great-grandchildren, Thomas Miller; Rylee Ward; Jayden Adair; Luke Adair; Jaycob Adair; Loki Adair; Paige Haney; and Avery Haney; and sister, Elaine Miranda Miller.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Gail Vorhoff Miranda; grandson, Tye Adair; siblings, Vincent Webb Miranda, Patricia Miranda





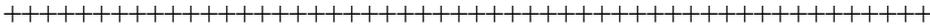




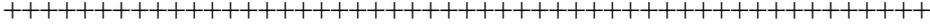








Celebrant and Homilist: Very Reverend Steven L. Leger
 Con-Celebrants: Reverend Monsignor Salvador Culotta
 Reverend Valentine Mayaka - fmh
 Placing of Pall: Allen Aune, Monica Rita Blazejack
 Luke Miller, Michael Miranda, Webb Miranda
 Lectors: Linda Miranda Gaudio and Jeff Miranda
 Gift Bearers: Carol and Carl Daniels
 Dawn and Don Vorhoff
 Eucharistic Ministers: Celebrants of the Mass, Christy Amuny
 Music Ministers: Bryan Brassard, Denise Truncale
 Pallbearers: Jeromy Adair, Jimmy Adair, Johnny Adair, Eric Haney
 Hillary Paige Hard, Meredith Elizabeth Miller
 Chase William Miranda, Trey Frederick Miranda
 Christopher Matthew Gaudio



Saint Jude Thaddeus Catholic Community
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Interment

Magnolia Cemetery
 Beaumont, Texas

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Memorial Contributions

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Garth House
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 Beaumont, Texas 77701

**“Never let anything so fill you with sorrow
 that you forget the joy of the resurrection.”**

Mother Teresa

The family of Bill Miranda invites you to join them in the St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church Family Life Center for food and fellowship upon your return from the cemetery.



Please sign Mr. Miranda’s guest book and share your memories at
broussards1889.com