



***William "Ford" Dishman***

September 27, 1982 - January 15, 2025

Celebrating the Life of  
***William “Ford” Dishman***  
Thursday, January 23, 2025 11:00 a.m.  
Broussard’s Chapel  
Beaumont, Texas  
Reverend D. Stephen McCrate

Seating of the Family

*“Amazing Grace”*  
by Carrie Underwood

Greeting, Naming, Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading  
John 14:1-3

Reflection

Remembrances of Ford Dishman  
Erin Silva  
Michael Mudd

Closing Prayer

*“Aggie War Hymn”*  
by Fightin’ Texas Aggie Band



**William Ford Dishman**, 42, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family and friends on January 15, 2025, in Beaumont, Texas. He was born September 27, 1982 to Bill and Lisa Dishman. Ford was a beloved son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend.

Survivors include his parents, Bill and Lisa Dishman; sister and brother-in-law, Erin and Al Silva; niece, Stella Silva; nephews, Adam and Sam Silva; grandmother, Marcy Ford; aunts and uncles, Leslie Ford, Bryan and Cici Dishman, Blain and Jeannie Dishman, Kelly Dishman and Gunter Heydman, and Lee Ann and Tom Braley; along with so many well-loved cousins and friends near and far.

Ford will be laid to rest privately at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, next to his grandparents and many other family members that preceded Ford in death. There is comfort knowing he will forever be by family which was the most important thing to him.

Ford was a proud lifelong resident of Beaumont, Texas. As a young boy Ford was both rambunctious and happy, easily making friends with schoolmates and neighbors. As a kid, he played many different sports including going for that black belt (not sure he quite got there!), baseball, football and his favorite being soccer. As kids, Ford and his big sister, Erin, were thick as thieves, always a team. They enjoyed weekends full of family gatherings,

getting in trouble with their cousins, and playing with friends. Even more “special” were the weekends working the family businesses. Ford could be a farmer or help Lisa at Secrets (which he discovered he does like a little flair to his outfits thanks to the help of his mother and aunt!). Whether it was picking blueberries, riding in the combines, listening to our uncles and grandfather radio rice field updates, or shoveling levees (still a dispute with Al on who’s better at levee building) he will go down as one great farm hand. Everyone that grew up with Ford knows the many stories of his companion, Chopper, the bulldog. Favorite childhood destinations included traveling to San Antonio each summer and visiting our favorite water park, Schlitterbahn. Visiting the family lake to gather for fishing, swimming and family fun. Running down the beautiful Crystal Beach shores, Disney Land with Pops and Uncle George, and going to Florida with mom and dad.

Ford graduated from West Brook High School in 2001. He would fondly recall his glory days playing football for the Mighty Bruins. Not sure if he had more fun on or off the field with his teammates but he sure enjoyed it all the same! His white caravan may have been the most recognized car on the road in the early 2000’s, we hear his crew was big into carpooling- we will leave it at that!

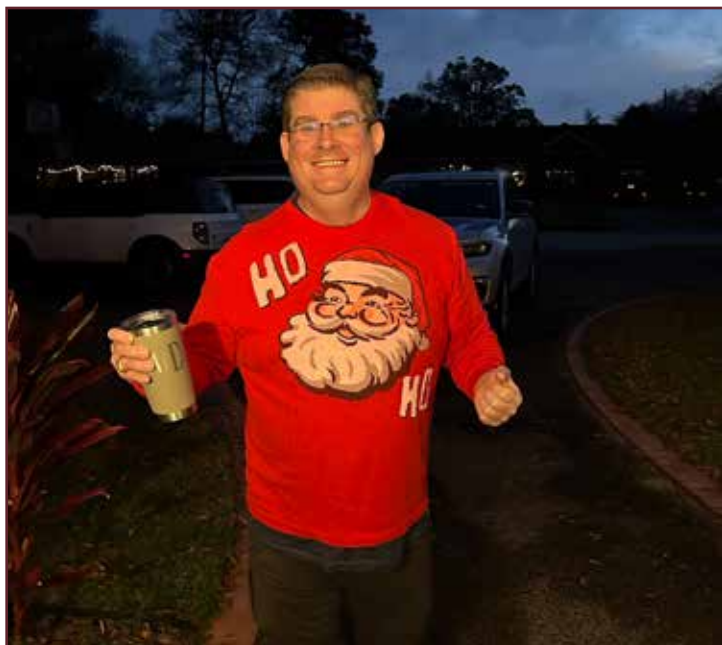
Ford went on to study Environmental Science at Texas A&M University. Without a doubt, he may be the most invested Fightin’ Texas Aggie we will ever know. He often refers to A&M as God’s Country. He is no doubt a true example of being the 12th man, win or lose. As any fellow Aggie will know, we can all keep hoping next season is THE season. No doubt Ford plans to put in a good word with our Lord and Savior for an Aggie National Championship. Ford was a member of the SAE fraternity and found true happiness and fellowship being a part of this Brotherhood. He made friends for life during these 4 years. Bill and Lisa always enjoyed knowing both Erin and Ford were together at A&M.... Of course, they only encouraged each other to study real hard to get all A’s, at least that is what Bill and Lisa thought when they went to The Library (which may or may not also be a popular bar on Northgate!) Ford furthered his educational path at Texas A&M Law School in Fort Worth. While Ford enjoyed Fort Worth, which he self-named FORD WORTH, he moved back to Beaumont shortly after graduation. Ford opened the Law Offices of Ford Dishman in Beaumont where he enjoyed practicing many facets of the law. He found his work worthwhile, and each case and client were different. Ford’s clients

and colleagues all enjoyed working with him, admiring his work ethic and how much heart he poured into each case. He especially found fulfillment helping children and others that needed someone to fight on their behalf. He will be dearly missed in the legal community.

Ford loved his people fiercely. He had such a special relationship with each person he came to know and has impacted so many in only good ways. He loved his family beyond measure, always making it a priority to attend every gathering as well as keeping in contact with aunts, uncles and cousins because family is absolutely everything to Ford. One of his favorite pastimes was sitting around telling and hearing stories from generations before us. He loved and respected his parents so very much and appreciated everything they did for him. He was the best brother Erin could ever ask for. He protected and loved her from the very beginning until the very end. He loved his brother-in-law, Al, like they have been brothers their entire life. Ford was so proud of his niece, Stella, and nephews, Adam and Sam. No doubt they will continue his legacy through the stories and memories they have of him. It was rare you did not see him without his sidekick, Charlie Bird. He loved his puppies with all his heart. Whiskey Woo, who preceded Ford in death, has been reunited with Ford, they are now eternal sidekicks. Ford has such an extensive group of friends, his crew has repeatedly called him the glue that keeps them together. He loved each and every one of them. No doubt he would give any of them the shirt off his back. He was always willing to do anything for them, as they would do the same for him. Most importantly, Ford was a Christian who was very steadfast with his faith. He was a believer who loved our Almighty God. We know that he is in Heaven living an eternal life free of any pain and shining his light down upon us. Ford is playing with Whiskey, reunited with dear family, and no doubt will be waiting at the Pearly Gates with a cold one for each of us when it's time to reunite. In the words of Ford Dishman, he wants us to "Keep on Keepin on" and of course strive to "Being Awesome" just like him.

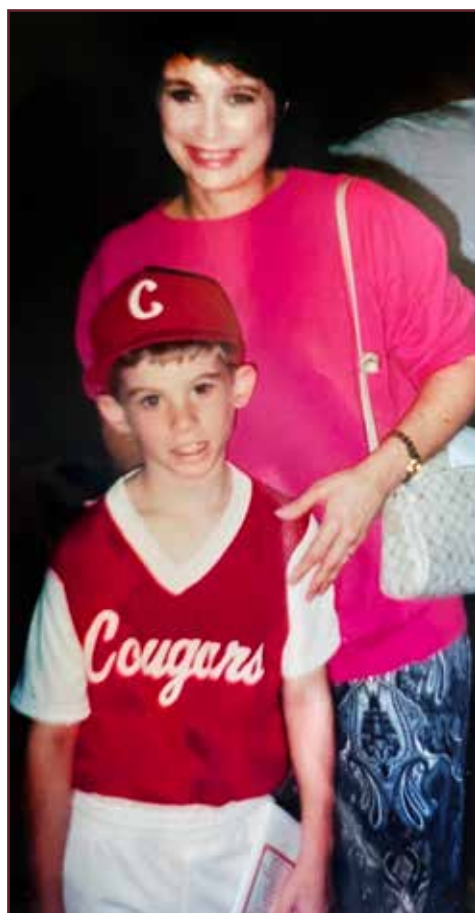
Ford's legacy will forever be defined by his loyalty to family and friends, love of a good time, being a Fightin' Texas Aggie, and dedication to the law. He will be deeply missed and remembered always.









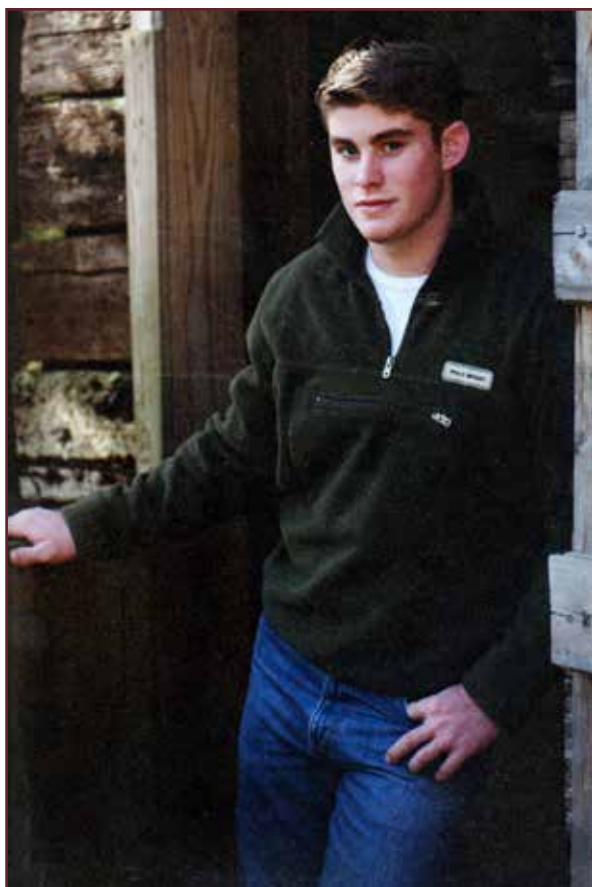












## **Honorary Pallbearers**

Al Silva

Drew Barnes

Russ Chandler

Brent Dyson

Matt Howell

Jordan Kirwin

Michael Mudd

Casey Dishman

Garrett Dishman

Judge Larry Thorne

*All are invited to join Ford's family for a reception following the service at The Laurels, 1315 Calder Avenue, Beaumont.*

## **Memorial Contributions**

CASA of Southeast Texas

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Beaumont, Texas, 77702

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The Humane Society of Southeast Texas

2050 Spindletop Avenue

Beaumont, Texas, 77705



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