



William Langford

March 8, 1924 - April 23, 2010

Graveside services for William E. Langford, 86, of Henderson, will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at Shiloh Cemetery with Barry Rivers officiating. Interment will be in Shiloh Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson. Mr. Langford died April 23, 2010, at Howeth House in Mount Enterprise. He was born March 8, 1924, in Mount Enterprise and lived most of his life in Rusk County. He was a retired architect. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and Korea. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Keeling Langford. Survivors include: son, Bill Langford and wife Debora of Jacksonville; daughter, Elizabeth Langford of Los Angeles, Calif.; three grandchildren; and a host of family and friends. Condolences may be made at www.crawfordacrim.com

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Mr. Langford worked out in the martial arts with us. Later as Mrs. Langford became sick we knew her through visitation at the home where she stayed in Tyler. Mr. Langford made such a difference in our lives. Several of the others who worked out with him commented on what a difference he made in their lives on an Isshinryu martial arts forum. We all knew him when we were in Tyler. I wanted to share those with you. Knowing Mr. Langford enriched our lives. LindeBill Langford was a great guy, an inspiration to many and a friend to all. His determination and refusal to quit are subjects I still share with my students. May his example continue to guide future generations. Mark Jerger Knoxville, TN I remember the first time I met Mr. Langford. It was at Linde's seminar and she asked if I would work with him. I thought well he is an older man so I need to take it easy on him. I found out very quickly that I was wrong. Mr. Langford set me straight real quick. "You are not working with a lady son" he told me "if we get to rough I will tell you" he said to me. You did not want to miss a block with him because he hit hard. He became the person that I loved to work with when he was there because despite his age he always approached it with gusto and fire when we worked together. Several times younger people would see us working together and come up and say that I did not need to be going that hard with a man that old. I loved to turn the young pups overtop to him then and soon they changed their minds and usually had the marks to show from it. We send another too soon to guard the gates till we arrive. Kanpai Mr. Langford. Bear (Barry Barnett) I knew Mr. Langford well and always enjoyed working with him. Best wishes to his family and God bless all those who will miss him. jim We will keep you in our prayers and look forward to seeing Mr. Langford again in heaven.

Linde Belt - April 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ so very sorry to hear about your dad...he was a gentle and very talented man...as was your mother....regards, pud patterson

Pud Patterson - April 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ To Liz:I was saddened to see that your dad had died, although I assume it was not unexpected. I know he will be missed. I enjoyed getting to know him 20 or so years ago and appreciated him keeping me up to date on your whereabouts.According to the obituary, you are still in LA. I have enjoyed visiting LA but living there takes someone tougher than me.May God always be with you & comfort you, especially now.With good memories of our times at HHS, my best to you,Joe

Joe Wylie - April 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ Hay, Elizabeth and "little" Billy. Lost track of you. Thinking of you at this time of such loss. Our lives go on. Lots of memories playing with you kids! Time went too quickly. Mr. Mrs. Langford were a large part of my childhood. Moms too. Jim and Grace Whitley died a week apart---lots of love there. They died a t Laneville with me. I thought Bill may be in Mt. Enterprise, it was his old stomping grounds. Lots of memories he left me, thus, thanks for all the happy times I enjoyed with your family. Love, Dan and Ann Odom of Laneville, the old Whitley home.

Elizabeth Ann Whitley Odom - April 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ We are very sorry to hear of your loss. We have wonderful memories of Dad and Mr. Langford which we'll always cherish. We extend our deepest sympathies.

Stephanie Ross Coker - April 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM