



## William "Bill" Jaycox

August 17, 1946 - March 25, 2022

William "Bill" Jaycox, 75, of Springdale, passed away on March 25, 2022 at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale, Arkansas. He was born on August 17, 1946 in Ironton, Missouri to Paul Henry Jaycox and Leota Eloise (Parker) Jaycox.

Bill was an Air Force veteran who enlisted in 1965 following his graduation from high school. After basic training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas, he spent six months at the Armed Forces Intelligence Training Center in Denver at Lowry AFB, where he graduated at the top of his class and moved to Shaw AFB in South Carolina, then to the Tan Son Nhut AFB in Vietnam on the edge of Saigon where he served in the early days of the Tet Offensive. He was honorably discharged as a staff sergeant from the Air Force and received the Air Force Commendation Medal for his service.

He and Kathleen "Kathy" Connelly eloped in 1966 to begin a lifetime of adventure that took them from South Carolina to Massachusetts, St. Louis to LeMars, Iowa; finally settling in Springdale, Arkansas. His professional career began with McDonnell-Douglas where he simultaneously raised a family and completed his college degree at night from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, graduating summa cum laude. He went on to work at Universal Match Corporation and Schnucks supermarkets, joining Harker's Wholesale Meats as an executive officer which brought them to LeMars, Iowa. He retired from

Tyson Foods, Inc., as Chief Human Resources Officer after a long successful career playing an integral part of the company's growth and expansion.

As a principled leader, Bill invested his time, talents and energies into each community in which he lived and worked. While in Iowa, he served on the LeMars City Council and was selected for the Iowa Governor's Task Force on Labor & Economic Development. After his move to Northwest Arkansas, Bill served as a board member, fundraising committee for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Arkoma (RMHC), board member of United Way Foundation of NWA, and supported Circle of Life Hospice during the capital campaign that led to the establishment of the Springdale and Bentonville locations.

Of all of his accomplishments, Bill was most proud of his family and instilled the same fierce love, laughter and loyalty in his wife, children, grandchildren and extended family, both related and chosen. His favorite memories were family holidays together, surrounded by the smells and sounds of the season, engaged in highly competitive board games (where there were many "questionable" reviews of the rules) and tons of laughter.

As Bill often remarked, he lived an active life filled with great stories and memories that often included fishing, golf, tennis, and beach and ski vacations traveling with friends and family. His warm and hearty laugh, quick wit and sardonic humor could be expected in every encounter. While not an Arkansas native, Bill adopted the Arkansas Razorbacks as his home team and was an avid basketball and football fan. For many years, he could be found most days at Springdale Country Club with his regular "morning" golf group where the bragging rights far outweighed the dollar bets.

Bill was raised in faith, becoming a believer at eight years of age under the guidance of his grandfather, Clifford Parker, who was a circuit preacher in

Missouri. After marriage, he was confirmed in the Catholic Church. A man of strong work ethic and quiet faith, he believed more in living his faith through his actions than his words. He and Kathy were past members of St. Rafael Catholic Church where Bill sang in the choir.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Jerry Jaycox, and many friends and colleagues.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Jaycox of Springdale; a son, Stacy Jaycox of Springdale; a daughter, Wendy (Jaycox) Davidson and her husband, Thor, of Wheaton, IL; his sister, Alice Lore (husband Phil), of Many, LA; brothers Virgil Jaycox (wife Christina) of Rochester, NY and Joe Jaycox (wife Jo) of Bella Vista, AR; and three grandchildren, Anders Davidson, Brenna Davidson, Matthew Jaycox (and wife Lydia) and one great grandchild on the way. He is also survived by many extended family and friends on whose lives he's made an enormous impact.

There will be a celebration of life on Sunday, June 12th from 4-7PM at Springdale Country Club.

Memorial donations can be made to Circle of Life Hospice, Life Styles, Inc. and Wounded Warrior Project.

<https://nwacircleoflife.com/donatesupport/#donatenow>

<https://www.lifestylesinc.org/donate>

<https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>

Online condolences can be left at [www.siscofuneral.com](http://www.siscofuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Jaycox*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Kathy & family....We're so sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathy. Dan & Michelle Ryan.*

**Michelle Ryan** - April 02, 2022 at 11:40 PM



“ *Kathy and Family, Me and my kids were so sad to hear of Bill's passing.  
When I married into the Parker family (61 years ago today), I soon learned  
the true meaning of family love. I have such fond memories of the  
family  
reunions (ball games a must!) and the many get togethers we  
shared.  
And going to the Jaycox House was always going to be a good  
time.  
Fun, food and laughter, and Bill was such a big part of that for sure!  
These memories I treasure.  
Love and Prayers,  
Aunt Adalee*

**Adalee Parker Wadlow** - March 31, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *Kathy and family, we are both heartsick over losing bill. We always considered him a dear friend. We are thinking of you Kathy and your family. God bless and comfort you . Priscilla and curt*

**priscilla** - March 29, 2022 at 05:02 PM

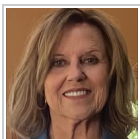
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“ Mr. Jaycox, " Bill" challenged me to be better and encouraged me with his humility, sense of humor, laughter, and grace. I'm thankful to have known him. My thoughts and prayers for strength and comfort in the days ahead.

*Michael Doublehead*

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**Michael Doublehead** - March 29, 2022 at 10:17 AM



“ My heart is broken at hearing of your loss. Bill was a great mentor and friend to many at Tyson. His sense of humor kept us going during many tough times. My thoughts and prayers are with you Kathy, Wendy and Stacy and family. He will forever be missed.

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**Joyce Reed** - March 29, 2022 at 09:38 AM

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“ So sad to hear of the passing of Bill. He was a leader among other leaders. His smile and laughter carried him through many tough decisions at Tyson. He was a mentor to many and a friend to all. Prayers for Kathy and your family for peace and understanding.

*Chuck Yarbrough*

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**Chuck Yarbrough** - March 29, 2022 at 12:26 AM

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“ Sending Prayers for Comfort in this most difficult time. Elisa Stout

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**Elisa Stout** - March 28, 2022 at 02:14 PM

JS

“ Bill was a very generous person. He had a great personality. My husband & I had a great time when he introduced me to sporting clays. My husband and I love to shoot guns and he picked the most fun place to do it followed by a fun laughing lunch. He and Kathy were the perfect match. We will miss him and love Kathy so much. I'm praying for his beautiful family.

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**Julie Sennewald** - March 28, 2022 at 10:33 AM

JB

“ Kathy, please know you are in my thoughts & prayers. I'm heartbroken for your loss of Bill. Hugs to you! Jimmie Beauchamp

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**Jimmie Beauchamp** - March 27, 2022 at 11:56 PM

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“ Kathy and family- I am so saddened to hear of Bill's passing and the difficult time you and your family will deal with. I so enjoyed his personality and humor and will be thinking about each of you during this difficult time.

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**Kathy Okelley** - March 27, 2022 at 12:41 PM

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“ Dear Kathy and Family,  
My deepest sympathy to all of you for the loss of such a great guy.  
😭 I have some very fond memories of times spent with you and Bill, and great memories of visiting you in LeMars.....😊 Those memories will continue to stay with me for many years to come.  
God Bless You All!  
Margaret McKenzie

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**Margaret McKenzie** - March 27, 2022 at 11:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Jaycox.



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March 27, 2022 at 01:17 AM



“ *Many happy memories of Bill and one of my favorites was the picture (poster) of him dancing, a cross between John Travolta and Michael Jackson. Another favorite was the Executive Team of Tyson standing on the stage in their Mountain Climbing harnesses, what an evening! I know all the stories of Bill will bring a smile to Kathy and your family. May God wrap his loving arms around each of you. Sending Love and Peace*  
*Ricky & Pam Grondin*

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**Ricky and Pam Grondin** - March 26, 2022 at 09:53 PM