



Edward Bruce Landers

August 28, 1957 - September 9, 2024

Edward Bruce Landers, 67, of Pell City, Alabama passed away Monday, September 9, 2024 at St. Vincent's in Birmingham, Alabama. Funeral Services will be Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 1:00 PM at Shelton Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 PM at the chapel. Mr. Landers will be laid to rest in Decatur City Cemetery following the service.

Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Homewood, Alabama will also host a Memorial Service to honor Mr. Landers on Friday, September 13, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

Edward Bruce Landers was born August 28th, 1957 the first child of Betty and Buddy Landers. What a joy he brought to the family, then and continuing. He was the big brother to Lauri and Linda and his early pastime was sitting on his dresser playing music on his record player. He enjoyed his early school years at Austinville Elementary...mostly where he became interested in band, continuing that love of music. He enjoyed playing in the Austin High band and singing in the Chorus.

After high school he studied at Samford University and served as music director for several local churches. Post graduation he followed his second passion to Channel 68 in Birmingham where he helped build and rebuild the

station. Feeling God's call, he joined the ranks at Samford University for the next 31 years. Finally retiring as Director of the Media Center in July 2023. The impact that he had on his students at Samford and the AV department at Briarwood Presbyterian Church will live on for many years.

Mr. Landers is survived by his son, Chris Landers (Lindsay Fowler); parents, Alvie and Betty Landers; sisters, Lauri (Walter) Russell and Linda (Doug) Brown; nephew, Ford (Ellie) Brown; niece, Camille Brown.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, please visit www.compassion.com to make donations in memory of Mr. Landers to Compassion International.

Cemetery Details

Decatur City Cemetery

Highway 20
Decatur, AL 35601

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Shelton Funeral Home Chapel
2105 Beltline Road SW
Decatur, AL 35601

Funeral

SEP 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

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2105 Beltline Road SW
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Memorial Service

SEP 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

Briarwood Presbyterian Church
2200 Briarwood Way
Birmingham,, AL 35243

Tribute Wall

JH

“ I just saw Ed passed in the most recent edition of Samford Seasons, and I can't express how important he was to me while I was in college. I somehow became responsible for setting up the sound system for BSU meetings in 1991, and was directed to see Ed for the equipment. We bonded over the clarity of laserdiscs, and he quickly became my go to for any problems I was having. My sophomore year he handled car problems for me (and I had a lot); my junior year he asked me to help with the youth group at FBC Hoover (helping me realize that I didn't really want to go into youth ministry), and my senior year he was always available when I didn't want to work on my senior seminar paper. After graduation, marriage and a move to Nashville, I would always stop by the media center when I was back in B'ham for work. At some point he bought a car from us; I think it was for Chris, but that's not clear. I lost contact after we moved to Virginia, but every Christmas when we're in town visiting family I drive by Samford and think about Ed. As a 17 year old college student, he was my first adult friend.

Jeremy Hunt - December 11, 2024 at 08:39 PM

PC

“ Ed landers was a dad to me I lived with him for 7 years I will never forget the laughs we shared. My name is Paul Chapman and I'm very sad to hear this. He is always in my heart.

Paul Chapman - November 11, 2024 at 03:02 PM

MC

“ Ed was such a great guy. Back in 91 at Samford when I was doing my student teaching, the students in my class had this grand idea to write and film commercials. I mentioned it to Ed when I was on a tour of the media center for a class I was taking. He got excited and helped us do that. He taught me about video editing and clearing rights for music. I was so appreciative. I now work at a major publishing house creating professional development videos and online courses for teachers. My career goes all the way back to a spark that started when he took the time to help me and those students.

Mark Carpenter - September 14, 2024 at 11:03 AM

MP

“ Ed you were the kindest and most impactful leader to so many of us at Samford. You were a patient teacher and mentor and had a great impact on all of us who had the opportunity to work with you during our formative years. Thank you for creating a special place on campus where we developed the skills, knowledge, and professionalism that helped us in our careers. When i think of Samford I always have memories of my time working with everyone at the center. I hope your family knows the amazing impact you had on so many students. Visiting with you when i would come back to campus was always a highlight for me and i will miss those conversations. We miss you already!

Matthew Pearson - September 13, 2024 at 10:02 PM

MB

“ My family and I am forever grateful for our friendship and opportunity Ed provided me in the Media Center at Samford University. He invested so much time, energy and patience while providing a means to graduate and with specific skills and experience that prepared me to enter the workforce with confidence and to start a family that is thriving. He was a humble, visionary servant that made significant impacts in those people and projects he was involved. To honor him in some small way and to specifically further Ed's passion we have made a contribution to Compassion International allocated for Business and Technology in his honor. Until we meet again Ed will be sincerely missed. May God bless his family and friends.

Matt Burgess - September 12, 2024 at 01:05 PM

DM

“ Dept. of Communication and Media purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Edward Bruce Landers.



Dept. of Communication and Media - September 12, 2024 at 10:36 AM

NR

“ My deepest sympathy to Linda, her mom, and entire family during this time. I am lighting a candle for him and his family. Love you all.
Nancy Reaves

Nancy L. Reaves - September 12, 2024 at 08:54 AM

RP

“ Thank you so much for everything that you have done for me. You helped me to become great and be the best version of my self. I Will always miss the way how you make me aware of things that is happening in this world.

You are such an amazing man. I am always proud of you and you will always be in my heart forever. Thank you so much. I love you forever.

Ramy Peñafior - September 11, 2024 at 01:24 PM

BM

“ Thank you, Pops, for so many years of good memories from teaching Wilson to fly fish to enduring Frozen for Natalee in a theater full of little girls. The kindness and love that you have shown Colt and our family from the day you met him to all of these years later is something we will forever cherish. We love you dearly.



Bambi McGaha - September 10, 2024 at 08:30 PM

RP

Thank you so much for everything that you have done for me. You helped me to be better and be the best version of my self. I Will always miss the way how you make me aware of happening in this world. You are such an amazing man. I am always proud of you and you will always be in my heart forever. Thank you so much. Until we finally meet.

Ramy Peñafior - September 11, 2024 at 01:07 PM