



Gordon William "Bill" Mangum Jr.

August 29, 1937 - February 28, 2025

Gordon William Mangum, Jr., 87, of Danville, passed away on Friday, February 28, 2025 at Duke University Hospital.

Born in Draper, North Carolina on August 29, 1937, he was a son of the late Gordon William Mangum, Sr. and Valeria Page Mangum.

Bill was married to the love of his life, Judy Walton Mangum for 68 years. He graduated from Brosville High School in 1956. Bill retired from Goodyear where he worked in the Unisteel Division.

He loved all things racing and was the founder of the Virginia Carolina Early Dirt Racers Association in 1987. You would often see Bill at any number of race tracks, however South Boston Speedway, Ace Speedway, Martinsville Speedway and Orange County Speedway held a special place in his heart. He served multiple times on the Virginia Motorsports Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

His other passion in life was the sport of fishing. Bill was a member of the Danville Bassmasters and the Virginia Bassmasters, where he would serve as President and later as a Board Member. Bill was also a member of The Improved Order of the Red Man, Poquoson Tribe No. 124.

Bill was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to his wife, Judy, Bill is survived by his daughters, Becky Mangum Dishman (Matt) and Linda Mangum Thompson; a son-in-law, Marc Stevens: grandchildren, Jessica Hinman (Matt), of Hardy, VA, Sam Daniel, Melissa Weaver (Brent), Lauren Daniel (Vince), Caleb Thompson (Marissa), of Clarksville, TN, Steven Dishman (Katie), Drew Dishman (Nikki), Ian Dishman and KC Stevens; great-grandchildren, Easton and Carter Mullins, Rebecca Daniel, Brantley and Corbin Weaver, Hunter Burton, Lyla Thompson and Henry and Will Dishman.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a son, James William "Billy" Mangum; a daughter, Connie Mangum Daniel and a brother Clyde Franklin Mangum, Sr. Bill was preceded in death by his beloved companions, Gracie Mae and Buster Brown.

A Celebration of his Life will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home, Westover Chapel. Friends and family will gather to speak at 3:30 p.m.

Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes, Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Mangum family.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

MAR 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel
5858 Riverside Drive
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Celebration Of Life

MAR 8. 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gordon William "Bill" Mangum Jr.*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - March 08, 2025 at 07:49 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gordon William "Bill" Mangum Jr..*



March 10, 2025 at 11:22 AM



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Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - March 08, 2025 at 10:47 AM



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Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - March 08, 2025 at 07:22 AM



“ Henry and Teresa Mason purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Gordon William "Bill" Mangum Jr..



Henry and Teresa Mason - March 06, 2025 at 03:34 PM



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Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - March 06, 2025 at 07:10 AM



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Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - March 05, 2025 at 03:22 PM



“ Henry And Teresa Mason lit a candle in memory of Gordon William "Bill" Mangum Jr.



Henry and Teresa Mason - March 05, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ Donna White lit a candle in memory of Gordon William "Bill" Mangum Jr.



Donna White - March 05, 2025 at 08:51 AM

KD

“ I will always remember "Big Bill" and Judy coming to South Boston for my graduation from truck driving school. Last time I saw him, he gave me a big hug and told me about "our" Gracie Mae passing and we both teared up. Love to Judy



Kaye Dorsett - March 04, 2025 at 10:11 PM

CF

“ Carol Thompson Fortner lit a candle in memory of Gordon William "Bill" Mangum Jr.



Carol Thompson Fortner - March 02, 2025 at 08:55 AM

SC

“ My sincerest condolences. I'll always have fond memories of having Bill for a stepbrother many years ago. May God bless. Steve

Steve Chappell - March 02, 2025 at 05:39 AM

JD

“ Joe And Martha Doss lit a candle in memory of Gordon William "Bill" Mangum Jr.



Joe and Martha Doss - March 02, 2025 at 12:02 AM