



## William "Bill" Samuel Crawford

July 20, 1937 - September 28, 2023

William Samuel Crawford, 86, of Danville went to his heavenly home on Thursday, September 28, 2023 after a decline in health for several years.

Born in Danville, VA on July 20, 1937, Bill was the only child of William Virgil and Linner McClanahan Crawford.

Bill retired from the Danville Fire Department with the rank of Captain after 35 years of serving his community faithfully. During his time with the Fire Department, he also designed and built the family home. He was a member of Third Avenue Congregational Christian Church for many years serving on the Board of Trustees and Finance Committee. There, he also coached Church League Softball for years winning numerous championships and always testifying to his faith in Christ. Throughout his life, he sought opportunities to help area schools with fundraising efforts. Later he became a member of Mount Hermon Baptist Church and continued his service to the Lord. After his retirement from public service, he continued to minister to the Danville community through his compassionate efforts at local funeral homes.

On August 10, 1957 he married Mary Frances Gauldin Crawford, who survives.

Survivors also include two sons, William S. "Billy" Crawford, Jr., (Sandra),

John P. Crawford (Lynette), six grandchildren, W. Scott Crawford (Mary), Stefanie P. Lytton (Haile), Caleb S. Crawford (McKenzie), Sarah C. Christensen (Jonathan), Emily E. Hollis (Nate), Matthew S. Crawford (Molly), and three great grandchildren, Samuel, Camden, Gemma.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 2:00 PM at the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel with the Rev. Bob Yeaman and the Rev. Dr. Mark A. Harris officiating. Interment will follow at Highland Burial Park.

The family will receive friends on Friday evening from 6:00-7:30 PM at the funeral home.

The family requests in lieu of flowers charitable donations be made to the Tunnels to Towers Foundation <https://dogood.t2t.org/fundraiser/4796714> in support of our nation's fallen and catastrophically injured first responders, military heroes, and their families. Matthew's wife, Molly will be running in the Marine Corps Marathon October 2023 in memory of Bill and in honor of the family's first responders, Bill's grandson's Matthew (Fire) and Caleb (Police).

Alternatively, donations can be made to God's Pit Crew.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Crawford family.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel  
5858 Riverside Drive  
Danville, VA 24541  
(434) 793-5511  
info@wrenn-yeatts.com  
<https://www.wrenn-yeatts.com>

## Burial

SEP **30** (ET)

Highland Burial Park  
3049 North Main Street  
Danville, VA

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Bill's Homegoing, He was one of the finest men I have ever known. We worked together at the Funeral Home for over 10 years, He was a Prince of a Gentleman, I am glad I could call him my friend. He surely will be missed.. Sam Edwards

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**Sam Edwards** - October 03, 2023 at 08:45 AM

BM

“ So very sorry for your loss. Although Bill and I worked at different stations at the Danville Fire Dept, I knew him well. Rest in peace my friend.

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**Billy Moore** - September 29, 2023 at 02:21 PM

MS

“ Bill was my first cousin and I am so sorry to hear this. He and Mary Frances would get together at our house or theirs and play Scrabble. We always had a good time together. I visited him at Roman Eagle and also visited Many France at home and at Roman Eagle. They have both been good friends and we all went to GW together. My deepest sympathy for all the family.

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**Mary Ann Shelton** - September 29, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ 226 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes** - September 29, 2023 at 10:22 AM

GS

“ As a teenage friend of John and Billy, I spent many lunches, dinners and weekends at the Crawford's home, the love and caring Mr. and Mrs. Crawford showed to me and all of our friends was second only to our own parents. They were always open to receive all of us with laughter and loving open arms. The memories made in their household shaped my life and I am internally grateful and blessed as a result of my time spent with them. Suzanne's and my prayers are with the family during this time.

Love, Greg & Suzanne Scott

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**Greg Scott** - September 29, 2023 at 09:06 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Samuel Crawford.



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September 29, 2023 at 07:50 AM