



## Ira William "Bill" Searle, Jr.

March 16, 2013

Ira William "Bill" Searle Jr. Gueydan: The family and friends of Ira William "Bill" Searle Jr. are mourning the loss of their loved one who was called from this life and into the arms of Our Lord on March 11, 2013 at the age of 84. Funeral services will be held to honor his life at Gueydan High School Auditorium on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at 2 PM. Bill will be laid to rest in the Gueydan Cemetery. Ira William, known to his family and friends as "Bill", was born in Jennings, LA to the late Ira William Searle, Sr. and the late Anna Lopez Searle on December 6, 1928. He served his country honorably in the United States Air Force. Following his military service, he pursued his love of the land and became a farmer. Bill made many accomplishments in his life including serving 17 1/2 faithful years on the Vermilion Parish School Board, the Vermilion Parish Soil Conservation Board, and the Vermilion Parish Bank Board. He was also a member of the Lion Club, Farm Bureau, and Gueydan Booster Club. He was honored by his peers as Mardi Gras King and the Duck Festival Honoree. No time on earth is long enough to share with those we love or to prepare our hearts for good-bye. Bill's love and light will be missed by all who were blessed to have known him. Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Caldonia Campbell Searle of Gueydan; his son and daughter-in-law, Dwayne and Janice Searle of Scott; one daughter, Debra S. Maxey and her husband Bill of Beaumont, TX; his six grandchildren, Kristen Wemyss (Charlie), Scott Maxey (Karson), Julie Maxey, Blake Searle, Connor Searle, and Tyler Searle; and his five great grandchildren, Austin Wemyss, Tanner Wemyss, Reid

Wemyss, Mallory Maxey, and Will Maxey. Visitation will be held at Matthews & Son Funeral Home in Gueydan, LA on Friday, March 15th from 4:00 PM until 9:00 PM and resume at the Gueydan High School Auditorium on Saturday at 1:00 PM until the time of his funeral service. Carrying Bill to his eternal resting place will be Scott Mexey, Blake Searle, Pep Lopez, Hampton Campbell, Charlie Wemyss, and Neil Harrington.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ira William "Bill" Searle, Jr.*

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January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *Donia: We are so sorry that we could not be next to you and your family in this difficult time of Bill's passing. We loved Bill. What a wonderful, loving, caring person he was. He was truly an asset to our community and a great person to have known. We send our love and prayers to you and the family.*

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**Dale and Faye Broussard** - April 11, 2013 at 06:00 PM



“ *Donia,  
We wish to offer our deepest sympathy and most sincere condolences to you on the passing of Bill. He was an outstanding individual , a devoted family man and a dedicated public servant. We know he will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and grant you all the Peace that passeth all understanding.*

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**Don & Leavon Rostrom Ladner** - March 22, 2013 at 11:17 AM

DM

“ As a teacher in Vermilion Parish for over 37 years, I have had the pleasure of working for many great public servants who served on our school board. I count Mr. Bill as one of the great ones. He was a bulldog on many issues that he believed made our school system the best it could be for the children of Vermilion Parish. He took others to task when he believed he was right, but he left us a legacy that must be continued. RIP Mr. Bill; you will be missed not only by your family, but by an entire parish.

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**Deborah Meaux** - March 16, 2013 at 11:34 AM

PT

“ To the family and friends of Mr. Bill. I am so sorry for your loss. He sounds like he was an impressionable person. I did not have the pleasure of knowing him. I pray that each of you can find strength and comfort from each other and from God's Word, the Bible. John 5:28,29 ; Psalm 71:1-3

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**Peggy Tupper** - March 15, 2013 at 01:12 PM

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“ It's difficult to understand why such a great person was taken from us, but find comfort in knowing that he leaves a gift of happy memories to all who knew him. Charles and Peggy Robichaux

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**Charles & Peggy Robichaux** - March 12, 2013 at 08:18 PM

DA

“ I was so sad to hear that Mr. Searle has died. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. He was such a nice man!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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**Debbie Bourque Ardoin** - March 12, 2013 at 04:09 PM

BG

“ *Sorry to hear of Bill's death. Really loved him, his family and have such good memories of he and his parents. Hope to visit with you on Friday.*

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**Billy Guidry** - March 12, 2013 at 03:40 PM

JM

“ *My condolences to Mr Bills family . His dedication to his family , Community and The children of our parish will never be forgotten. I consider myself blessed to have known him for my years. He touched many lives .*

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**Jan S Mayard** - March 11, 2013 at 06:31 PM