

Sonny Landham

William M. "Sonny" Landham (February 11, 1941 – August 17, 2017) was an [American actor](#), [stunt man](#) and politician. He played tracker Billy Sole in the action movie *Predator*.^[1]

Landham was born in [Canton, Georgia](#). He studied at the [University of Georgia](#).

Landham spent three years in prison after being convicted on federal charges of making threatening phone calls to his wife before the [U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals](#) reversed the conviction in May 2001.^[2]

In 2003, Landham ran in the [Republican Party](#) primary election for the post of [Governor of Kentucky](#). He was unsuccessful in gaining the party's nomination. He ran briefly as an independent candidate, but withdrew on June 18. In January 2004, Landham announced his candidacy for the 27th State Senate District of Kentucky. He lost the election.

On September 19, 2006, Landham was injured in a four-car accident in [Ashland, Kentucky](#).^[3]

On June 25, 2008, Landham announced his candidacy for the [U.S. Senate](#) seat currently held by [Mitch McConnell](#) on the [Libertarian](#) line.^[4] The same day Landham was accused of calling for [genocide](#) against [Arabs](#) (whom Landham referred to as "camel dung shovelers," "camel jockeys," and "rag-heads") for his comments on the political radio show *The Weekly Filibuster*.^[5] three days later, on June 28, the Kentucky Libertarians voted unanimously to withdraw Landham's nomination, citing his comments were not in keeping with the party's platform and values.^[6]

Landham died of [congestive heart failure](#) in [Lexington, Kentucky](#) on August 17, 2017 at the age of 78.^[7]

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