



W.L. Mills (Walter Lain Mills Jr.)  
(November 23, 1949 – March 28, 2021)

Relationship to St. Andrew: Walter was a member of St Andrew United Methodist Church and led Bible studies.

Family:

Wife – May A. Mills. They enjoyed 49 years together.

Sons - Everette (Megan): Son Jonathan – Lafayette, In

Brad (Meghan): Children Harper, Grayson and Harrison – Denver, CO

Grant (Kelsey) - Yakima, WA

Recognitions, Activities, Special Interests: Walter earned his BS in Forestry from Auburn University, retired with rank of Lieutenant from US Navy, earned Masters and PhD in Forestry Economics from Purdue University. He served as a professor at Purdue in the Forestry Department and Director of Student Services until his retirement in 2015. He was recognized with professional honors at both the state and national level.

Walter was a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity and was an Eagle Scout. He loved sailing, kayaking and being with his family. He was a member of the Dixie Sailing Club and the Lafayette Sailing Club.

Use of Memorial Funds:

New sofas and accessories were purchased for the Jr. High classroom in 2022.



Obituary:

## Walter Lain "W.L." Mills, Jr.

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### Obituary

Walter Lain Mills, Jr. (W.L.) was born 11/23/1949 in Mobile, AL to Pauline Little & Walter Lain Mills. He grew up in Selma, AL, graduated from A G Parrish High School and attended Auburn University earning a BS degree in Forestry. W.L. was commissioned into the Navy after graduation, serving aboard the USS Denebola until being sent to Purdue University to teach ROTC and retired with a rank of lieutenant.

He earned a Masters and PhD in Forestry Economics while at Purdue, graduating to teach at Auburn University for 3 years, before being wooed back to Purdue. W.L. served as a professor at Purdue in the Forestry Department and Director of Student Service for FNR until his retirement in December 2015. Where he received numerous awards and accolades of excellence.

W.L. married his high school sweetheart, Mary Albrecht Mills, in March 1972, and they enjoyed 49 married years together: raising boys, grand kids and living life to the fullest together.

His pride & joy were his boys: Everette (Megan) Lafayette, IN; Brad (Meghan) Denver, Co; & Grant (Kelsey) Yakima, WA. He was an adoring grandfather to his grandchildren: Jonathan, Harper, Grayson and Harrison. W.L. loved his three daughters-in-law like his own.

W.L. enjoyed sailing, kayaking and loved being with his family. Participating in his "Old Farts" coffee group was a highlight in retirement. W.L. was an Eagle Scout, Member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity-College honor, Society of American Foresters at state & national level and member of Dixie Sailing Club. He attended Federated Church and later St. Andrew UMC in West Lafayette.

Other surviving family members include: Sister-Mary Lain Peel, Nieces-Kay Mote & Lain Littleton. Brother-in-Law-Everette & Sharon Albrecht, Nieces-Jessica Albrecht & Michelle Clark, Nephews-Mark and Michael Albrecht. He was preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-law and younger brother Douglas.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Andrew UMC (4703 N 50 W, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906) or Food Finders of Lafayette (1204 Greenbush Street, Lafayette, IN 47904).

A graveside service will take place on April 3rd at 11AM, New Live Oak Cemetery in Selma, AL with Lawrence Brown-Service Funeral Home directing. Celebration of Life to be held July 31, 2021, at the Martell Forest, Wright Center, Purdue University.