



Paul William Dysinger

May 24, 1927 - March 30, 2025

Dr Paul William (Bill) Dysinger, 97, of Williamsport, TN, passed away on March 30, 2025, at his home, surrounded by his family.

Memorial services will be held at 3 PM, Saturday, April 26, 2025, in the Centerville Church of Christ, Centerville, TN with Dr. Norman McNulty officiating. Visitation with family will begin at 2 PM. There will be a private burial on his farm.

Bill was born in Burns, TN to Paul and Mary (Martin) Dysinger on May 24, 1927. He married Yvonne Minchin on May 11, 1958, in Takoma Park, MD. He graduated from High School at Madison, TN in 1945; from Southern Missionary College in Collegedale, TN with a BA in Chemistry in 1951; from Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, CA with an MD in 1955; and from Harvard with an MPH in 1962. He worked with the Indian Health Service in N Dakota and Arizona from 1956-58 and then with the US State Department in Cambodia from 1958-60. In 1961 he joined Loma Linda University and continued there until 1988, during which he assisted in the founding of the LLU School of Public Health and was its first Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. From 1988 until he retired in 1992, he was the Senior Health Advisor for ADRA (the Adventist Relief and Development Agency) in Silver Spring, MD.

Besides the two years in Cambodia, he spent four years in Tanzania (1962-64 & 1978-1980) on assignments with LLU, a Sabbatical leave in Singapore (1972-73) and one year in Pakistan establishing a Village Health Worker training program (1980-81). His travel and work took him to more than 110 countries and territories. Bill had a large heart for the poor and underserved and was passionate about preventive and lifestyle medicine, missions, and the connections between physical and spiritual well-being. In retirement, from his farm in Williamsport, TN, he shared his passion and expertise in the former USSR, Northeast Asia and West Africa through Development Services International, a non-profit he established.

He also led CHIP programs (Coronary Health Improvement Project) in Centerville and participated on the Hickman County Health Committee. And he wrote two books, "Heaven's Lifestyle Today: Health in the Context of Revelation 14" and "Health to the People: Stories of Public Health, Preventive and Lifestyle Medicine, and Medical Evangelism Training and Outreach, Loma Linda, CA 1905-2005". Two of his children, 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild, along with their families, have made their homes on his farm. He was an active member and elder at Martin Memorial SDA Church in Centerville, TN.

Bill is preceded in death by his wife, Yvonne and grandson Stephen.

Bill is survived by sons Edwin (and Jennifer), Wayne, John (and Pam), daughter Janelle (and Craig) Edwards, his sister Ruth (and Charles) Harris, 14 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

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Memorials may be given to the following organizations which represent well Bill's passions:

Dysinger Family Fund (<https://lluh.org/giving#>) supports the training of doctors in Preventive and Lifestyle Medicine at Loma Linda University Health - designate Other, then write in "Dysinger Family Fund"). His son, Wayne started this fund in memory of his son Stephen and of Bill.

FARM STEW (<https://www.farmstew.org/give>) empowers vulnerable families in Africa, Asia and Latin America to break free from hunger, disease, poverty and hopelessness— fulfilling his dream and taking it further! He endorsed FARMSTEW and loved their effective, wholistic approach. Comment that your gift is in honor of Dr. Dysinger.

Bountiful Blessings Training Center (<https://outpostcenters.org/en/oci-website/ministries/988/>) for the development of a training classroom at Bountiful Blessings Farm in partial fulfillment of a long-held dream of his, and which will be named in his honor, carrying forward his passion for community development through local training.

The family of Bill wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Centerville Church of Christ for making their facilities available to us for the memorial service, McDonald Funeral Home, and Shannon Ellis for her faithful homecare service to both Mom and Dad over the past three years.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Centerville Church of Christ
138 N. Central Avenue
Centerville, TN 37033

Memorial Service

APR **26.** 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LG

“ *Lonnie/Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Paul William Dysinger*



Lonnie/Marilyn Gilliam - April 22, 2025 at 05:16 PM

MB

“ *Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul William Dysinger*



Michael Bates - April 18, 2025 at 10:28 PM

JK

“ *To the Dysinger family, please know that Dr. Dysinger’s legacy continues to touch lives around the world. His quiet strength, deep wisdom, and unwavering faith were a guiding light—not only to me, but to the entire FARM STEW mission. His encouragement came at a time we needed it most, and his belief in the power of public health and the gospel still inspires us today. His life was a seed, and through you—and the countless lives he touched—it is bearing lasting, beautiful fruit.*

Joy Kauffman - April 18, 2025 at 06:38 PM

JK

“ 1 file added to the album Family



Joy Kauffman - April 18, 2025 at 06:30 PM

MP

It was a blessing for me to spend sometimes with him and help caring for him on his last day! Maryse Morel Petty

Maryse Morel Petty - April 20, 2025 at 12:24 AM

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Dr. Dysinger was a wonderful man. He will be missed by so many people who loved him. May God give his family comfort and peace during this difficult time. My prayers and love goes out to his family.

.Marilyn Horner - April 26, 2025 at 05:11 PM

FH

“ *May God provide comfort and hope to the whole family. For the majority of my life, I have known Bill and Yvonne, as they were very close friends of our family. For years, Bill and my Dad (Mervyn Hardinge) were especially close friends and colleagues. Bill was one of my professors many years ago at LLU School of Public Health and shared much wisdom and practical advice with me over the years. I will miss his sagacious advice and warm friendship. I will always cherish his memory and look forward to that great 'gettin up' morning soon!*

Fred Hardinge - April 18, 2025 at 01:24 PM

DH

“ ASAP Ministries wishes the Dysinger family our sincere condolences. Bill was a true friend and a part of the ASAP board. We mourn with you and together look for the blessed hope.

Darryl Hosford - April 17, 2025 at 07:34 PM

CW

“ Coleen Williams lit a candle in memory of Paul William Dysinger



Coleen Williams - April 16, 2025 at 11:42 AM

JE

Hey was a good person and I will miss you we will see you again in heaven

jessie - April 18, 2025 at 03:48 PM

SC

“ Sheila Chance sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul William Dysinger



Sheila Chance - April 06, 2025 at 01:29 PM

Sarah
Hinson

“ Sarah Hinson lit a candle in memory of Paul
William Dysinger



Sarah Hinson - April 05, 2025 at 01:37 PM

RG

“ Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of
Paul William Dysinger



Ronald Gammons - April 03, 2025 at 05:34 PM

MB

“ Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of
Paul William Dysinger



Michael Bates - April 01, 2025 at 03:46 PM