

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the charity of your choice or to the following organizations which Bill loved and supported:

The Building Fund for Mosaic United Methodist Church
Building Community
16818 N Eldridge
Parkway, Tomball, TX 77377

William and Carol Gafford School Counseling Endowment
University of Mississippi Foundation
406 University Avenue
Oxford, MS 38655

The Geophysical Society of Houston
1790 West Sam Houston Pkwy North
Houston, TX 77043.

Note: Bill Gafford Museum Memorial

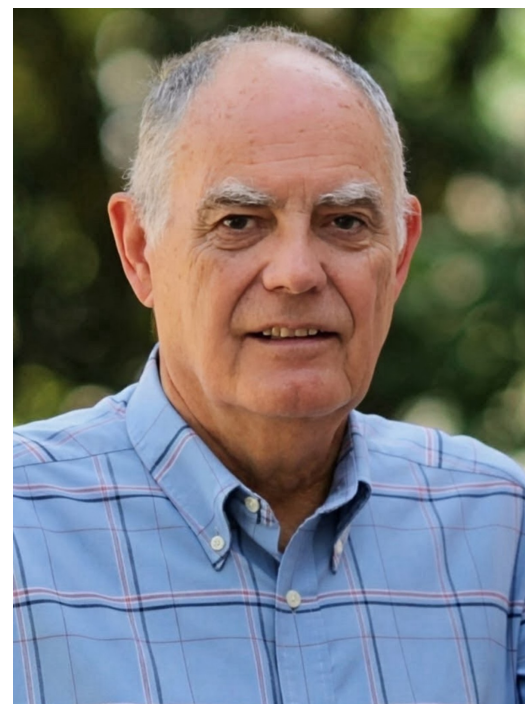


The Gafford family is indebted to St. Luke's thoughtful staff for their hospitality and caring spirit. We extend our thanks to Rev. Shuler and to the many friends and family who have been such wonderful support to us all. We are forever grateful to Rev. Angela Gafford Asmus for a beautiful funeral service and tribute to her Dad in Mississippi.

Celebrating the Life
of

William Thomas Gafford

January 9, 1945 - February 26, 2026



April 17, 2026

11 a.m.

Sanctuary

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Houston, Texas

I'LL FLY AWAY

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, *I'll fly away*;
to a home on God's celestial shore, *I'll fly away*.

Refrain:

*I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away,
When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.*

When the shadows of this life have gone, *I'll fly away*;
like a bird from prison bars has flown, *I'll fly away*.

Refrain

Just a few more weary days and then, *I'll fly away*;
to a land where joys shall never end, *I'll fly away*.

Refrain

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.

*The family invites you to a reception
in the Fellowship Hall following the service.*

Order of Service

Prelude		Jim Roman
Word of Grace		Rev. Shuler Sitsch
Solo	<i>It Is Well with My Soul</i> Madeline Andriesen, soloist	VILLE DU HAVRE
Readings from Holy Scripture		Pat McCullar
	Isaiah 43:1-7 John 11:25-27	
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Shuler Sitsch
The Lord's Prayer		Congregation
Remembrances		Greg Barron Gafford Amy Barron Gafford Pam Wells Gene Womack Frank Dumanoir
Solo	<i>His Eye is on the Sparrow</i>	SPARROW
Homily		Rev. Shuler Sitsch
*Hymn	<i>I'll Fly Away</i>	I'll Fly Away
*Benediction		Rev. Shuler Sitsch
*Postlude		

*indicates congregation standing, if able