



Billy Joe McKenzie

December 11, 1937 - June 28, 2025

Billy Joe “Bill” McKenzie (87) was born in Purcell, OK on December 11, 1937, and passed peacefully in Bakersfield, CA on June 28, 2025. He spent most of his childhood and early years in McFarland, CA and graduated from McFarland High School in 1955. He later received his AA from Bakersfield College in 1996.

After a long career with the Kern County Fire Department where he proudly served throughout the area, Bill retired as Captain in December 1992. He later worked for Three Way Chevrolet as Salesperson then Training Manager. He loved the social engagement with customers and fellow co-workers.

Bill had a lifelong passion for golf enjoying membership at many local golf courses. He won many club championships and set course records throughout the many years of his love of the game. This passion was, and will continue to be, lovingly passed along throughout his family always remembering where it started.

He was a devoted Christian and longtime member of Valley Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Paula; children Kim (Rick), Craig (Ronda) and Lori (Gary); 9 grandchildren, 24 great, 1 great-great; along with many extended family members and close friends. His absence will be forever fel

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

9101 Kern Canyon
Bakersfield, CA 93306

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Valley Baptist Church
4800 Fruitvale ave
Bakersfield, CA 93308
<http://www.valleybaptist.org>

Graveside Service

JUL 21. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

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