



Benford Gene McMilian

October 23, 1938 - April 4, 2024

Benford Gene McMilian was born to Leonard and Ethel Mae (Woods) McMilian on October 23, 1938, in Versailles, Missouri. He graduated peacefully to Heaven on April 4, 2024, in the presence of loved ones in McKinney, TX.

Ben lived most of his life in the Olympia, Washington area and is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jean, his sister Nancy Jane, his two daughters Rachel and Rebecca Kachuriak (Tim), two stepdaughters Missy Thorkildsen (Brad) and Kari, grandchildren Kira, Heather, Libby Powers (Bailey), Taylor, Rylee, Max, Charlie, Gracie, Ella and Joe, and great-grandson Leon.

Ben was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Bill McMilian.

Ben served proudly in the United States Air Force and worked for the state of Washington for 35 years until he retired. One of his most proud accomplishments was his service to the communities in Shelton and Olympia. He became known as "The Bread Man", as he made it his life's mission to feed the hungry around these communities by delivering bread, milk, eggs, and other goods to the people who needed them the most.

Ben found much happiness in his family, whether it be attending the various sporting events and watching his grandchildren or playing game after game of

pinochle at the kitchen table.

Ben loved the Lord Jesus above all else. He was a regular attendee at Capital Vision Christian Church in Olympia. You could find him almost every Sunday morning at church with boxes of bread and donuts and other treats to pass out to his brothers and sisters in Christ.

The family will be having a small graveside service in Texas, and arrangements are being made for a celebration of life at a later date in Washington.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made in Ben's honor to Capital Vision Christian Church, 1775 Yew Ave. NE., Olympia, WA 98506. Donations can also be made online at capitalvision.org or https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/118967

Arrangements are under the direction of Bradley Shotts and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Cemetery Details

Cottage Hill Cemetery

11400 FM2478
Celina, TX 75009

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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