



Bill McAvoy

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Bill Kenneth McAvoy passed from this life on May 17, 2022, at the age of 88. He was born on November 12, 1933, in Graford, Texas, and was the 6th of 7 children born to Fred McAvoy and Tempie Blackwell McAvoy. His was a farming family and he often told stories of helping plant crops, thrash grain, and raise all sorts of animals. He joined the Army as a young adult and served in Korea at the close of the war. After his discharge from the Army he traveled to western New York where he met and married Jean Marie Spike. Together they raised 5 children. In the late 1970's he convinced Jean to move to Texas. They settled in Henderson and have been there ever since.

Bill was employed with TUGCO and worked at the Oak Hill mine until he retired in 1996. Many people in Rusk County knew him as the "Honey Man." Bill loved to raise honey bees and collect the honey so he and his wife began McAvoy Apiary and sold honey throughout East Texas for 30+ years. He also loved to play his guitar or fiddle or mandolin and sing along with his wife as she played the piano. He was a devout member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He and Jean served as missionaries for their church in Uganda and Ethiopia from 1996-1998 and again in Utah from 2004-2005. He was known for his hard work, readiness to serve and his hat - which he never left home without!

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Jean, his son William J. Adam, his daughter, Darla Jean McAvoy, and grandson Jacob Allen Osborne. He is survived by 3 children, Tom McAvoy (Debra) of Henderson, Anita Osborne (Mark) of Tyler, TX, Janna Welker (Mark) of College Place, WA, 15 grandchildren, 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends too numerous to mention. He never met a stranger!

The family will receive friends at a Viewing June 1, 2022, from 6-8 pm at Rader Funeral Home in Henderson. The Funeral Service will be the following day, June 2, at The Church of Jesus Christ of



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Latter-day Saints at 11am. He will be buried at the Pickwick-McAdams Cemetery at Possum Kingdom Lake.



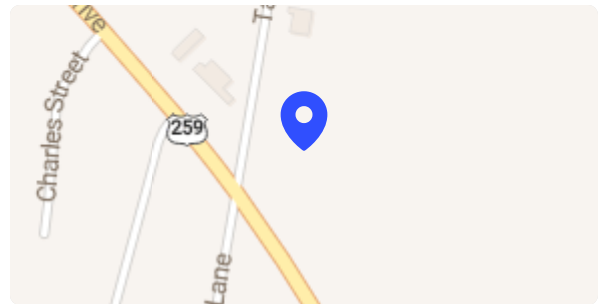
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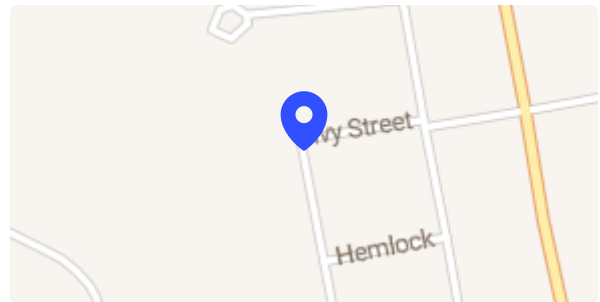
Visitation

- Wednesday**, June 1, 2022
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
- Rader Funeral Home of Henderson**
800 Kilgore Drive, Henderson TX 75652



Funeral Service

- Thursday**, June 2, 2022
- 11:00 AM CT
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**
Gray St., Henderson TX



Graveside Service

- Friday**, June 3, 2022
- 11:00 AM CT
- Pickwick McAdams Cemetery**
Park Rd. 36, Graford TX 76449





Tribute Wall

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Darlene Wright lit a candle in honor of Bill.
Sending condolences & prayers. Uncle Bill was a very sweet & kind man

May 31 at 2:50 PM



Jon And Melanie Spike sent a Beautiful in Blue to the McAvoy family.

May 31 at 6:59 AM



Guy Mcanally lit a candle in honor of Bill.

May 28 at 6:28 PM



GM **Guy Mcanally** May 28 at 6:39 PM
uncle bill i always enjoyed being around you all through my life.we never spent enough time together. you were always a truegentleman. i will never forget you guy.



Leesa Green posted:

We always enjoyed working with Mr. McAvoy and having his bees in our fields. He was very kind-hearted and will be missed.Greg and Leesa Green

May 28 at 12:47 PM



Alvin & Ann Green lit a candle in honor of Bill.

May 27 at 2:19 AM





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Joe Dan & Margaret Green Brown lit a candle in honor of Bill.

May 27 at 2:18 AM



David & Dianna Kelley lit a candle in honor of Bill.

Thinking of you in Love & Prayers!

May 25 at 5:26 AM



Texas Fresh Produce-Marc & Deedee Green lit a candle in honor of Bill.

May 24 at 12:02 PM



Robert /Janet Williams lit a candle in honor of Bill.

Prayers for Mr. Bill's family. Robert and Janet Williams

May 24 at 3:00 AM



Sammie J Bolling lit a candle in honor of Bill.

May 21 at 8:29 AM



Sammie J Bolling shared 2 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

May 21 at 8:25 AM





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Stan & Cathy Collins lit a candle in honor of Bill.

May 20 at 9:48 AM



HB

Holli Bridges lit a candle in honor of Bill.

May 20 at 4:36 AM



TP

Tom Pharr lit a candle in honor of Bill.

Rest in Peace Bill. Worked with Bill many years at TUMCO. Prayers for the Family. A pretty good "Bee" guy too. Good memories.

May 20 at 3:56 AM



DL

Deanna Manck Lewis lit a candle in honor of Bill.

Sure gonna miss Mr Bill he was a good neighbor. And we all loved the honey. May he rip. As he is now with ms Jean. Both such sweet people.

May 20 at 3:49 AM



JS

Jerry Stanley posted:

Bill was a good man and a pleasure to work with. Rest in peace Bill

May 19 at 4:16 PM



Media

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Sammie J Bolling shared 2 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

May 21 at 8:25 AM



Bill and Jean



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bill by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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