



## William (Bill) McKinley Jenkerson III

September 3, 1949 - November 5, 2014

1949-2014

William (Bill) McKinley Jenkerson III, age 65, a resident of Belen, passed away on November 5, 2014. Bill was born in Springfield, Illinois and his family moved to New Mexico in the early 1950's. Bill graduated from Belen High School in 1967 and enlisted in the United States Army where he served two tours in Vietnam as a Morse Code Interceptor. During his service he was awarded the following: National Defense Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 2 stars and the Vietnam Service Medal. Following his honorable discharge in 1971, Bill relocated to California, where he worked for the County of San Diego. After the death of his father in 1997, Bill returned to Belen to care for his mother and manage the family farm. In his free time, he volunteered at the Belen Food Pantry. He was preceded in death by his father, William McKinley Jenkerson Jr. and his brothers-in-law, John A. Youngblood and Ronald E. Little. Bill is survived by his mother, Katherine Jenkerson, his sisters, Joan Jenkerson, Katherine Youngblood and Theresa Little, his numerous nieces and nephews, aunts, an uncle, cousins and many caring friends. Bill enjoyed his travels with his nephew and friend Tom Tuminello, who was also his caregiver in his last months. He was affectionately referred to as "Uncle Billy", a jokester with a soft spot for children and a heart of gold. He had an uncanny ability for fixing anything from electronics to hurt feelings and we will miss him terribly. With respect for his wishes, cremation has taken place and no services will be held. You may sign

Bill's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main Street, Belen, NM

# Tribute Wall



“ We love you and miss you, Uncle Billy! Jimmy, Cynthia and the kiddos

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**Jimmy Devenport** - December 30, 2014 at 05:15 AM



“ I went to school with Bill; however, I didn't know him well (actually I didn't know many people very well then...but that was probably more my fault than anyone else's).

*I read about the awards that Bill received in the military and I just have to say thank you dear Bill for your service. I know you made your parents and your nation proud.*

*To those remaining, I extend my most sincere and heartfelt condolences and I offer prayers for comfort and peace.*

*Rachel Lucero*

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**Rachel lucero** - November 13, 2014 at 04:24 PM



“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of William (Bill) McKinley Jenkerson III



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - November 12, 2014 at 05:47 PM

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“ IT SURE WAS SAD TO HEAR ABOUT THE LOSS OF ONE MORE CLASSMATE. I KNOW WE CANT LIVE FOREVER, AND IF ITS GODS WILL THEN THATS IT. TO HIS MOM AND SISTERS IT WAS A REAL JOY TO HAVE KNOWN BILLY. I WONT FORGET HIM  
IN HIS NAME DODIE BACA VALLEJOS

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**DODIE BACA VALLEJOS** - November 12, 2014 at 01:15 PM

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“ Theresa & Kathy,

*We are deeply sorry to hear about Billy. You are in our prayers. May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead.*

*Love,  
Chris, Sidney, Melina & Micah Olivas*

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**Sidney Olivas** - November 11, 2014 at 12:19 PM

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“ *I hadn't known Billy very long but it was most evident how very devoted he was to his family. He was a great amature photographer and loved the New Mexico scenery. Even during his darkest hours, he welcomed me as a friend to the family with a big welcoming hug and smile. What a blessing he was to family and friends alike. He is missed.*  
*Gloria Chipman*

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**Gloria Chipman** - November 09, 2014 at 09:10 AM

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“ *To Billy's Family: May God hold you in His arms and heal the sorrow that you feel.*

*Thank you Billy for all the luminarias you made all those Christmases. We will miss you!*

*Anthony and Erma Baca*

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**Anthony and Erma Baca** - November 07, 2014 at 09:41 PM