



## Virgil William(Bill) Watkins

May 8, 2019

Virgil William (Bill) Watkins passed away at the age of 92 on May 8, 2019 in McAllen, Texas. Born in Mercedes, Texas on January 4, 1927, Virgil had lived in McAllen for the last 46 Years.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Martha Jane Adams Watkins; a sister, Juanita Lavigne; his parents Harley V. Watkins and Callie Deal Watkins; and grandson, Brian Watkins.

Virgil is survived by son and daughter -in law Gary and Carolyn Watkins of Georgetown; daughter and son-in-law Peggy and John Baldwin; daughter Debbie Tyrrell; son Billy Bob Watkins; and daughter and son-in law Sandy and Barry Ehlinger, all of McAllen. He is also survived by grandchildren Brandon Watkins of Austin; Michael Baldwin (Stephanie), Julie (Ian) Minnis; Jeffrey (Betsy)Baldwin; Cheri (David) Moceri; Jonathon (Natalie) Tyrrell; Kenneth (Juri)Tyrrell, all of San Antonio; Laura (Nathan)Fronczek of Richmond, Virginia; Baylee Ehlinger and Callie Ehlinger of Corpus Christi, and Grant Ehlinger and Taylor Ehlinger of McAllen; and twelve great-grandchildren. Before graduating in 1944 from Mercedes High School, Virgil led the Mercedes Tigers as football quarterback and participated in basketball, baseball, track, Band,and the Glee Club. He served in the Navy aboard the USS Columbia during WWII in 1945-1946. Virgil attended Edinburg Junior College. As the Assistant Supervisor at the Mission location of Halliburton Oil Services, Virgil retired after 40 years of service in Mission, Refugio, and Falfurrias.

A member of the Masonic Lodge #851 in Mission for over 50 years, Virgil had also been a member and past president of the American Petroleum Institute. He additionally volunteered as a Little League coach. Virgil was an avid fisherman, hunter, bowler, and golfer, having participated in many API Golf Tournaments. Virgil attended Calvary Baptist Church in McAllen.

A viewing will be held at Kreidler Funeral Home at 314 N. 10th St. from 5:00-8:00 P.M. on Monday, May 13th. Funeral services will be held at Calvary Baptist Church at 1600 Harvey Drive in McAllen at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 14th with interment to follow at Rio Grande Valley State Veteran's Cemetery at 2520 S. Inspiration Road in Mission at 1:00 P.M. Pallbearers will be grandsons Brandon Watkins, Michael Baldwin, Jeffrey Baldwin, Kenneth Tyrrell, Jonathon Tyrrell, and Grant Ehlinger.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Comfort House at 617 Dallas Ave. 78501 in McAllen; American Cancer Society, or a charity of your choice.

A loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, and American Veteran, Virgil will be remembered for his hard work ethic, sharp wit, and gentle soul.

# Cemetery Details

## Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery

2520 South Inspiration Road  
Mission, TX 78572

# Previous Events

## Visitaion with family

MAY **13.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.  
314 N 10th St.  
McAllen, TX 78501  
(956) 686-0234  
kreidler@sbcglobal.net  
<http://www.kreidlerfuneralhome.com/index.html>

## Funeral Service

MAY **14.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church  
1600 Harvey Dr  
McAllen, TX 78501

## **Burial will follow**

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MAY **14**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery  
2520 South Inspiration Road  
Mission, TX 78572

# Tribute Wall



“ *Virgil William(Bill) Watkins*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Virgil William(Bill) Watkins*

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ *So very sorry to hear of your Grandfathers passing. Though I never met him I had a good idea of his importance to your family and how much he was loved from Laura's stories. May God bless you at this difficult time. Doug&Margo Fronczek*

**Doug Fronczek** - May 11, 2019 at 11:35 PM



“ *Worked with Bill for many years at Halliburton. Condolences to his family.*

**Donna Smith** - May 10, 2019 at 06:54 PM



“ *So sad to hear of Mr, Watkins passing, he was alway such a pleasure to be with. I enjoyed hunting trips and many rounds of golf with him. My deepest condolences to Billy Bob, Sandy and the entire Watkins Family. I am sure he will be missed terribly but what a wonderful fulfilled life he led. Chris Cowgill*

**Chris Cowgill** - May 09, 2019 at 01:23 PM

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“ *My deepest, sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Watkins. He was one of the kindest men I've ever met. I loved every minute I spent with him. He sure could make me laugh. He was one of a kind for sure. May he rest in peace reunited with his wife in Heaven. Maybe he'll run into my brother there and take him fishing again.*

*Until I see you again,  
Angela Lake (your ex-daughter-in-law)*

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**Angela Lake** - May 09, 2019 at 12:25 PM

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“ *A wonderful person*

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**Al Didner** - May 09, 2019 at 08:19 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.** - May 08, 2019 at 02:05 PM