



## William "Shorty" Bishop

November 6, 2022

William "Shorty" Bishop was born in Kansas a few years before the Great Crash of 1929. Shortly after his birth, the family moved to the Magic Rio Grande Valley where his father opened a Nursery. After graduation he was hired by the U S Post Office as an "Emergency Temporary Wartime Substitute Clerk/Carrier." Shorty also worked for the Rio Grande Valley Gas Company from 1946 to 1965, and then full-time for the US Post Office until 1988. In addition to these jobs, Shorty was very active in the Edinburg Volunteer Fire Department where he served from Pump Operator to Assistant Chief and almost everything in between. After his retirement from the Fire Department in 1988, Shorty was asked to serve as Chaplain until they could find someone to take the job full time. He served in this capacity until a permanent replacement was named in 2009. Upon his second retirement from the EVFD, Shorty was named Chaplain Emeritus.

Shorty Bishop served in the US Navy during the Korean Conflict and was also active in the First Presbyterian Church of Edinburg serving as both Deacon and Elder. Later he joined the First United Methodist Church in Edinburg where he served as a greeter before moving to Weslaco. He was a past master in the Masonic Lodge and he also served as Floor Representative at John Knox Village.

William "Shorty" Bishop is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Margaret, and by their first son, Chuck. He is survived by his children: Cindy Bishop, Debbie (Ron) Janysek, Jeanne (Paul) Newman, and Scott (Paulette) Bishop

and by his grandchildren: Andrew(Kayla) Janysek and Hilary (Chris Piña) Janysek.

A Celebration of William Bishop's Life will be held at John Knox Village in Weslaco, Texas on Saturday, November 26 at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Edinburg Fire Department in Shorty Bishop's name.

# Cemetery Details

## Valley Memorial Gardens

3605 N Taylor Rd  
Mission, TX 78501

# Previous Events

## A celebration of Life

NOV 26. 2:00 PM (CT)

John Knox Village  
border Ave.  
Weslaco, TX 78596

# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Shorty" Bishop*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *William "Shorty" Bishop*

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ *Being a Methodist, I am one from a group in the Weslaco First United Methodist Church, Covenant Visitors, who would go each week on Monday to visit those Church members living at John Knox Village. "Shorty", and his wife Margaret was on our list when I started the visiting years ago. Since Covid, I sure have missed the visiting, and sure have missed Mr. Bishop! He became one of ours with his joy to have us go there and share our time, care and special gifts when we celebrated the special times of the year! He was always glad to see us, and our feelings were the same. Getting to know him was a joy. Much loving care to his family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. Bonnie Nunn*

**Bonnie Nunn** - November 27, 2022 at 09:17 AM



“ *You will be missed, Shorty! Love Mari Tovar (Edinburg FD)*

**Mari Tovar** - November 23, 2022 at 05:29 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Hidalgo Lodge No. 1036** - November 17, 2022 at 02:48 PM