



## Billie I. McKie

April 13, 1930 - January 20, 2022

Billie I. McKie, 91, of Lincoln Township died Thursday, January 20, 2022, at the Lakeland Spectrum Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 4 PM on Wednesday, January 26, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township where military honors will be held. Cremation will follow the service. The visitation will begin at 3 PM until service time. Please share messages or memories at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Billie was born on April 13, 1930 in Hastings, MI to Edward and Marian McKie. He was a graduate of Benton Harbor High School. Billie served in the US Air Force during the Korean War and was a former member of the Stevensville American Legion Post. For over 30 years he was a machinist at Clark Equipment Company and Volvo which purchased Clark. Billie retired in 1985 and for the next 10 years he was the maintenance man at the Benton Harbor Library where his wife was a Librarian. His wife, Barbara, preceded him in death in 2006. He enjoyed hunting, golfing, playing horseshoes, and bowling. He loved puzzles and playing on his computer. Billie also enjoyed walking around the mobile home park where he lived. He was always helping other people and he would give you the shirt off his back.

His family includes his children, Tamara (Jimmy Wheton) Smith of Lincoln

Township and Todd McKie of Lincoln Township; his brother, Buck McKie, of Coloma; his 8 grandchildren, Jessica V, Adam A, Aaron A, Chase S, Corey S, Andrew S, Marjorie M, Cynthia K.; his 14 great grandchildren, and 6 great great grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Robin Flynn, 1 great grandchild, 3 brothers, and 1 sister.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 26. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
(269) 926-7222  
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## Military Rites

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## Service Celebrating His Life

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# Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Tammy, Sorry for the loss of your father. Prayers for you and the family.* ”

Kathy Sink Blanchard - February 17, 2022 at 09:44 AM

SD

“ *What a wonderful man. He was a great brother to my mother a wonderful Uncle to me. Never had a bad word to say about anyone. He knew so many people. You could drive by many houses and He knew who lived there. Everyone everywhere said hi or had to chew the fat with him. His favorite places to go was out to eat and the dollar general, along with garage sales. Loved to get a bargain. I will miss him so much.* ”

Shirl Digregorio - January 26, 2022 at 03:09 PM



“ *13 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Jessica Velasquez - January 25, 2022 at 02:36 PM



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**Jessica Velasquez** - January 25, 2022 at 01:05 PM



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“ *With heartfelt sympathy to Billie's family.  
Thank you Billie for your service to the United  
States. God bless you. We are praying for the  
McKie family.*



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**Josephine Smith** - January 25, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Billie I. McKie.*



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January 25, 2022 at 10:15 AM

KS

“ Uncle Billie's smile and laugh always brings a smile thinking about him. Give everyone a hug from all of us left behind.

Kellie Shilander - January 24, 2022 at 07:56 PM

SA

“ We miss you and love you. We pray not because you are gone.... Rather because we cannot go with you. Stepping into the light of love Aunt Barb was standing there waiting for you with the biggest hug in the world before she led you to the family.

Scott & Alan - January 24, 2022 at 04:24 PM

PB

You were always a bright of light any time we seen you and ALWAYS there to help and guide all in need we will miss you, remember you, and always LOVE YOU

Phil + Barb - January 25, 2022 at 02:22 AM

SC

Tammy and Todd, I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad. He was quite the character. Too many years have passed, but I remember him so well and that old van he had. Such a fun guy. Both your parents were. You were blessed with them. I'm sending prayers. Love you!

Shelly Combs - January 25, 2022 at 12:13 PM