



## SFC Billy Joe King, USA (ret.)

March 16, 1938 - October 25, 2016

Memorial service with military honors for SFC Billy Joe King, USA (ret.), 78, of Piedmont will be Sunday, October 30, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Thompson Funeral Home with Rev. Wade Acton and Rev. Kenneth Byford officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to services. Mr. King passed away Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at his home. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Gudrun King; children, Karen King Benefield of Jacksonville and Stanley Wayne King (Julie) and Debi Parish all of Oklahoma; five grandchildren, Jesse Benefield (Nikki) of Piedmont, Kaylee Benefield Holcomb (Joshua) of Texas, and Stanley Wayne King, Jr., Chantell King and Adrienne Hayes all of Oklahoma; and numerous great grandchildren. Mr. King entered the U.S. Army in 1959 and was assigned to the Military Police Corp. He served tours of duty in the United States, Germany and Korea as a military policeman, desk sergeant and military police investigation supervisor. He served as the Senior Instructor of Crime Scene Investigations at the Military Police School at Ft. McClellan until his retirement in 1983. Mr. King retired from Civil Service in 2002 and resided at his farm in Piedmont where he was a member of Piedmont Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Louia Kinkade King; one brother and three sisters.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for the loss of your husband, father, grandfather and all other family. I will continue to pray for you. First, after connecting with Billy, I was so happy to know that he was like Proverbs 18:22: "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord." My mind went back to my childhood remembering the "Beach & St. Luke Kids" of our small community. Billy was a friend of Jimmie Baker and Gene Young. Everyone was friends. It has been so good to reminisce about that time of our life. May God hold you in His arms and comfort you.

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**Judy Young Wedel** - June 20, 2018 at 03:40 PM

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“ Just as the sun will set then rise with each and every dawn. The souls of those who lived life well eternally live on. I cant think of a more fitting way to describe Billy Joe King. He was a remarkable man who lived life well. It was an honor to call him my friend. My deepest sympathies to Gudren and family.

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**Victoria Ostrander** - June 20, 2018 at 03:40 PM