



## William Thomas "Billy Tom" Kinnison

February 18, 1938 - February 25, 2016

.William Thomas "Bill" Kinnison of Granite passed away at Altus, Oklahoma February 25, 2016 at the age of 78. Bill was born February 18, 1938, in Yazoo City, Mississippi, to William Calvin JR and Ethel Clementine (Johnson) Kinnison. He was named after his grandfathers William Calvin Kinnison Sr and Thomas Sanders Johnson. Bill grew up in the Bentonia, Mississippi area and attended Benton High School. He was known by family and friends as "Billy Tom". Bill joined the United States Air Force in 1956 and was stationed at Altus AFB where he met Carolyn Rusk. They were married in 1959. To this union were born two sons Gregory Allen born at Anderson AFB Guam and Mark Douglas born at Offutt AFB Nebraska. Bill retired from the USAF as Chief Master Sergeant in 1977. The family moved to Granite, Ok where Bill began farming the family farm and raising cattle. Shortly thereafter he became Granite's Rural Mail carrier and retired in 1998. Bill also played a great part in the reorganization The Granite American Legion.

Bill was preceded in death by his mother, father and one brother, Elvin G. Kinnison. Bill is survived by his wife Carolyn, of the home, two sons and families, Greg Kinnison and wife Lee of Altus and Mark Kinnison and wife Brenda of Edmond; two sisters and families Golda Luse and husband Eddie and Byna Luse and husband Hal, one brother James Michael Kinnison and wife Cindy. Bill is also survived by four grandchildren, Chaz and Madison Briscoe, William Rusk and Jorie Kinnison and a host of nieces, nephews other

relatives and friends.

Services for Billy Tom are scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 2:00 P.M. at the Granite Church of Christ with Brother Ken Hamilton officiating. Interment will follow at Granite City Cemetery where the Air Force Military Honor Guard will perform full military rites.

Viewing will begin Sunday, February 28, 2016 from 1-5p.m., and will continue Monday, February 29, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Arrangements are entrusted to People's Cooperative Funeral Home located at 1400 West Main in Lone Wolf. 580-846-9018

On-line condolences can be made by visiting [www.peoplescooperatifuneralhome.com](http://www.peoplescooperatifuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 28. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

People's Funeral Home  
1400 W. Main  
P.O. Box 146  
Lone Wolf, OK 73655  
pcfh@sbcglobal.net  
<http://peoplescooperatifuneralhome.com>

## Viewing

FEB 29. 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

MAR 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Church of Christ, Granite  
Granite, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Thomas "Billy Tom" Kinnison*

October 08, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *William Thomas "Billy Tom" Kinnison*

October 04, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ *Carolyn, Greg and Mark,*  
*Thank you for allowing me to be part of Bill's life. It was truly a pleasure for me to take care of him for the past 13 months. His smile was so contagious and his handshakes heartwarming. I know my life is forever changed and truly blessed due to Bill being in it. He could always put a smile on my face. I will always remember when I asked him if I could have his Corvette and he said "No. Tractor." Bill is greatly missed already and will be forever in my heart.*  
*Sharon Ray, LPN/EVM*

Sharon Ray - March 01, 2016 at 09:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Thomas "Billy Tom" Kinnison.*



March 01, 2016 at 08:47 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Thomas "Billy Tom" Kinnison.*



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March 01, 2016 at 08:39 AM



“ *Carolyn and family,  
Thank you so much for allowing me to be a part of Bills life! He could always put a smile on face. I will truly miss his handshakes and teases him about his corvette.  
Wendy Miller/EVM*



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**Wendy Miller** - February 29, 2016 at 02:54 PM



“ *Fred & Mary Ann Thurston purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Thomas "Billy Tom" Kinnison.*



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**Fred & Mary Ann Thurston** - February 26, 2016 at 06:00 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William Thomas "Billy Tom" Kinnison.*



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February 26, 2016 at 05:34 PM