



James B. McKenzie

February 6, 2026 - October 16, 2011

James B. McKenzie III, 85, of Tyler, Texas, passed away and walked through heaven's gates Sunday morning, October 16, 2011 at Trinity Mission Nursing Home in Italy, Texas.

JB was born February 6, 1926 in Dallas, Texas, son of the late James B. and Sally McKenzie. November 25, 1949, he married Patsy Ruth Shamburger, who preceded him in death on January 27, 2004.

In addition to his parents and wife, JB was preceded in death by siblings Mary Alice McKenzie and Joe McKenzie.

JB McKenzie is survived by three daughters, Ruth Ann Gholston and husband Jim of Hideaway Lake, Glenda Branin and husband Bob of Tyler, and Linda Wallace and husband David of Hideaway Lake; son James Bennett McKenzie IV and wife Brenda of Waxahachie. JB had three granddaughters, Tiffany Roberts, Laura Hollingsworth and Brittany McKenzie; three grandsons, Allen Thompson, Mark Branin and James B. McKenzie V. JB was also blessed with six great-grandchildren.

JB received a bronze star for his Army service in the Pacific during WWII. He was a Mason for over 60 years and a deacon of Antioch Baptist Church. JB was a rose grower, rancher, oil man, and community philanthropist. He loved filling his truck with sweet potatoes and passing them out all over Lindale resulting in the nickname "sweet potato man". JB loved God, his family and all his many friends. JB never met a stranger and he will be greatly missed by many who loved him.

The family would like to thank the staff at Trinity Mission in Italy for their care and loving kindness to JB over the last three years of being wheelchair bound. Visitation will be Thursday, October 20, 2011, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale, Texas, followed by the funeral service at 11 a.m. to be officiated by Dr. Denny Autrey.

Tribute Wall



“ *James B. McKenzie*

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“ *James B. McKenzie*

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“ *Girls, I just heard about your precious dad. I am so sorry I didn't know or I would have been at the funeral. My love and prayers are with you all. I love you!*
Cindy *Cindy Connally Grimes*

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“ *JB was a wonderful neighbor and friend. Although our lives had taken different paths, we will always remember the time we spent with him. He had a lot of wisdom and you could always rely on him for him for advice.*
Our love and prayers are with each of you during this time. Due to recent surgery we will not be able to attend his service.
Ken & June Flournoy

October 19, 2011 at 07:54 PM



“ *Bennett, Brenda, and family,
May the Lord cover you with his love and care during this time of
loss. My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Becky Eggen
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“ *JB was a good friend and a man of highest character. I will always
cherish the memories I have of him.
I regret that I will be out of town and unable to attend his service.
Blessings
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