



## William Edward Payton III

April 5, 1948 - March 1, 2017

William Edward Payton III, lovingly known as Bill or Billy, of Montague, California, passed away on March 1st, 2017 in Ashland, Oregon at the age of 68.

Bill was born in Compton, California to William and Helen Payton on April 5th, 1948. He was a graduate of Montclair High School and was a member of the Alta Loma Swim and Water Polo team. He married Judith Ann Gahlau on October 16, 1971. He attended Chaffey College and worked in the optical industry making molds for eyeglass lenses for many years in Southern California. Upon moving to Siskiyou County, in February of 1995, he became involved with Covenant Chapel church as well as Covenant Chapel Bible Academy.

Bill was an avid tinkerer. He loved restoring clocks and Hot Wheels. He excelled at wood working, making dollhouses for his granddaughters. He shared his love of model airplanes with his grandson. He was passionate about his hair and pursuit of sweets up until the end.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Andrea Mc Neil of Las Vegas, Nevada. He is survived by his wife of 45 years Judith Payton, his children Fredrick Johnson, Gregory and Maria Johnson, Carey and Ismael Sanchez and Michelle and Michael Hale: his grandchildren Gregory Johnson,

Luke Johnson, Joshua Johnson, Lynette Keberlein, Randy Keberlein, Gabriella Sanchez, Amber Johnson, Isabelle Hale, Diego Sanchez, Jeremiah Hale, Emma Hale and four great grandchildren.

The family of Bill Payton wishes to extend our sincere thanks to his church family and friends who showed such love and concern for him in his final days.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2pm March 11, 2017 at Covenant Chapel, 200 Greenhorn Road, Yreka, California. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's memory can be made to Covenant Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 11. 2:00 PM (PT)

Covenant Chapel  
200 Greenhorn Rd  
Yreka, CA 96097

# Tribute Wall

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“ *It is always difficult to lose a loved one. Our thoughts and prayers to the family of Mr. Payton, especially to our dear friends Michelle and Mike, Isabelle, Jeremiah, and Emma. We are so sorry your loss.*

*Joyce and Deacon*

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**Joyce Blackmun** - March 07, 2017 at 04:50 AM