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It is with deep respect that we announce the passing of William Lee Hatfield, who died peacefully on September 7, 2025, at the age of 90. He was known as Bill to his family and friends.

Brother Bill Hatfield, a devout and steadfast member of the Church of Disciples of Jesus Christ, San Antonio, Texas. He was raised in a faith-based environment along with his siblings. Bill's spiritual foundation was laid early, and it became the compass that guided him throughout his life. His walk with the Lord was marked by humility, conviction, and a quiet strength that inspired all who knew him.

Bill, originally from Mexico, Missouri, was the son of Glenn and Ruby Hatfield. He served in the U.S. Army for four years and subsequently dedicated nearly 40 years to his career as a driver with Merchants Fast Motor Lines, where he received multiple awards and earned the esteem of both colleagues and friends.

He was a licensed CDL driver, skilled in operating both bobtail trucks and 18-wheelers with precision and care. Whether navigating long highways or local

roads, he carried not just cargo, but a quiet sense of purpose and responsibility. His work behind the wheel was more than a job, it was a reflection of his steady hands, dependable spirit, and the journey of a life lived in service to others.

While at church, Bill met the love of his life, and after a short period of courting, he entered Holy Matrimony with his lovely wife, Betty Hatfield. Their storybook relationship reached chapter "65" with love and harmony. The union was blessed with one daughter, whom they named Tara Hatfield.

Bill was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, friend, and colleague. He led a life marked by quiet strength, generosity, and a commitment to service. He was always willing to assist friends and neighbors by readily taking on tasks such as plumbing, carpentry, or mechanical work, expecting little in return other than the opportunity to be helpful and serve others.

In his leisure time, Bill found peace, joy, and serenity in his garden. With a true green thumb, he nurtured vibrant plants and flowers, creating a space of beauty and calm. Among his greatest joys was the deep love he shared with his only grandchild; her presence brought light and laughter into his life. Their bond was unbreakable, and her memory remained close to his heart.

He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Betty, a faithful companion whose love reflected the grace of God; his daughter, Tara, who walks in the light of his example of being humble. Bill's memories are cherished by his dear brother, Don; four loving sisters, Lois Ann, Doris Dean, Mary Lou, and Alice; other loving relatives and friends like you.

Bill will be greeted in Heaven by his Personal Savior, his granddaughter, Kaitlyn "Birdie" Ritnour, his beloved parents, and his kind-hearted four siblings, Glenn, Reba, Nancy, and Donna. And of course, his two wonderful

pets, GiGi (poodle) and Lilo (Yorkie).

Special Thanks, with deep appreciation, our family extend our heartfelt thanks to Summit Home Health and Hospice of San Antonio. Your compassionate care, unwavering support, and gentle presence made all the difference. You walked with us through sacred moments, tending not only to the body, but to the soul. Again, thank you for honoring dignity, comforting hearts, and helping us finish the race with grace.

From his time on earth to eternity, William Lee Hatfield's 90-year journey is marked by kindness, dedication, and quiet grace. Today, and in the days ahead, we honor his life of resilience, integrity, and steadfast faith. Bill's legacy will continue to inspire, guide, and offer comfort to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **10**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Dellcrest Funeral Home
2023 S. W.W. White Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78222

Celebration of Life

SEP **10**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of William L. Hatfield*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - September 12, 2025 at 08:27 AM

MC

“ *Half of the most lovely duet has gone to heaven. May you find comfort in your memories of Bill. Sincerely, Margaret Coats*



Margaret Coats - September 17, 2025 at 01:43 AM

RR

“ *Our deepest condolences to Betty and daughter Tara .. the faith in God and his strength and prayers will get you through this tough time !! Bill is in a better place with granddaughter Birdie now .. RIP my friend .. Raul and Connie Rodriguez*

Raul Rodriguez - September 10, 2025 at 03:34 PM

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“ Aunt Betty and Tara, Sending out heartfelt condolences to you both. Uncle Bill had a big heart and such a great outlook on life in general. Loved by so many and missed by so many more. I concluding this with a line from a poem that I think sums up what he would say so well. "Love doesn't die, people do. So, when all that's left of me is love, give me away." Love to you both from your Kansas family. Don, Sheila and Sam Smith as well as Tom Corwin

Sheila Smith - September 10, 2025 at 12:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William L. Hatfield.



September 09, 2025 at 11:11 PM

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“ Sheila Smith lit a candle in memory of William L. Hatfield



Sheila Smith - September 09, 2025 at 10:18 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William L. Hatfield.



September 09, 2025 at 09:50 AM