



William "B.J." Elder

March 30, 1938 - October 23, 2018

William Joseph Elder was born on March 31, 1938 in Chicago, Illinois to William Francis and Rosemary Elder. Billy Joe passed away at his home on October 23, 2018. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. After graduating from Keokuk high school in Iowa, Billy Joe enlisted in the United States Air Force serving our nation in the Korean and Vietnam wars. Along with being a missile commander BJ was commissioned to drive Formula race cars for General Curtis LeMay. He was also was hired out for projects applying his amazing artistic talents.

After the Vietnam War BJ eventually settled in southern Arizona doing what he enjoyed most: construction, engineering, gardening, drawing, playing practical jokes, playing guitar, singing, telling story after story to anyone and enjoying summer visits and Sunday evening phone calls from his son, William Tracy (Jane) Dodson from Columbus, NE and his grandchildren, Kiley and Marcus Dodson.

Proceeding him in death were his parents William F. (Bill) and Rosemary Elder, brother Robert Elder. Survivors, children: William Tracy Dodson, Theresa Creach, William Thomas Elder and LeeAnn Newton, siblings: Judi Walker, Joyce Williams, Joan Horst, Mike Elder, Pam Grimsley and Jill (Penny) Blakely, many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Eden Cemetery

3978 Hot Springs Road
Eden, AZ 85535

Tribute Wall



“ *William "B.J." Elder*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *Tracy and family,
We just learned of the passing of your father. Our sincere
condolences to all of you. He must have been a great guy!
Bernie and Mary Anne Fleischacker*

Bernard Fleischacker - November 07, 2018 at 10:49 AM



I miss you so much. You were my oldest brother.

Jill blakely - May 20 at 04:56 PM



“ *I love you, BJ. Gone but not forgotten. Ever.*

Jane - October 31, 2018 at 07:48 AM