



Harold Gene McFerrin

1944-2020

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Harold Gene McFerrin, 76, went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020.

A celebration of life was held Saturday, Nov. 7, at Trinity Fellowship Church.

Harold was born Wednesday, Aug. 23, 1944, in Comanche to Wilmer Eugene and Erma Lee (Stevens) McFerrin. After serving in the United States Army as a Military Policeman during the Vietnam War, he went on to become a Texas DPS officer. He married his wife, Peggy Hobbs McFerrin, Friday, June 5, 1970, in Tolar. After a brief time living in Austin, Harold and Peggy moved to Decatur, where he lived the rest of his life.

Due to his love of old cars, Harold was a founding member of the Wise County Antique Auto Club. He was also passionate about helping kids, so he coached soccer, and eventually, he became the head coach of the McCurdy Rams Pee Wee Football team. He was a huge Decatur Eagles fan and could be heard by all as he was cheering

on those who participated in the many activities he attended. Harold was an active member in his church and served as a deacon, and then an elder, for many years. He was a loyal friend who was always willing to lend a helping hand, and he never met a stranger. He touched the lives of many people, especially his family and will be greatly missed.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife of 50 years, Peggy McFerrin; two daughters, Melanye Ballard and her husband, Kelly, of Decatur and Sharla Douglas and husband, Ian, of Fulshear; one son, Chip McFerrin and wife, Brandi, of Sanger; grandchildren Cole and Marley Ballard, Liam and Loughlin Douglas, Mason, Jett, Cruz and Cash McFerrin; two sisters, Pam Smith of Weatherford and Terri Campbell of Tennessee; and many other extended family members and beloved friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his grandson, Christson Ballard.