



## William (Bill) Edward Grubbs

March 6, 1922 - April 13, 2019

William (Bill) Edward Grubbs, age 97, passed away peacefully in the home of his daughter in Spokane, Washington, April 13, 2019, surrounded by family. He is survived by his wife of 77 years, Evelyn Joye Hamberlin Grubbs, a brother, Donald Earnest (Paula) and five children: William Edward (Bill) Jr. (Diane), Jerry Mack (Kaye), Debby Jane Plaster (James), Tommy Ray, and Tammy Kay Rice, along with 20 grandchildren and 60 great-grandchildren. Bill was born March 6, 1922, in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, to Wilson Adolphus Grubbs and Janie Lou Baker. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Wilson Adolphus Jr., and sister, Mary Louise Goodwin. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served as Bishop, Councilor in the Stake Presidency, and Patriarch. He also served for many years as a temple worker in the Dallas Texas Temple. He served in the Coast Guard during World War II. He worked for and retired from Texas Eastman Company. Due to declining health, he and his wife relocated to his daughter's home in Spokane, Washington in 2018.

Funeral services will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, located at 1700 Blueridge Parkway, Longview, Texas under the direction of McWhorter Funeral Home. A viewing will be held between 9:45 and 10:45 AM, Monday, April 22, 2019, with funeral service commencing at 11:00. Following the service, interment will be at the Kelsey Cemetery located in Kelsey, Texas. Dedication of the grave will be offered by James Plaster, a son-in-law.

Please visit Bill's online register book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a remembrance for the family.

# Cemetery Details

**Kelsey**

Upshur County, TX

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Bill, Jerry and family*  
*“Those we hold closest to our hearts never truly leave us. They live on in the kindness they have shared and the love they brought into our lives.”*

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**Bryan Brennion** - April 22, 2019 at 06:36 PM

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“ *Bill Grubbs was a wonderful man. I loved him as our Bishop in Longview many years ago and have many happy memories of him.*

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**Ruth Ann Childress** - April 21, 2019 at 06:47 PM

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“ *Our sincerest condolences to your family.*  
*The McKinley family.*

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**Mike McKinley** - April 21, 2019 at 10:56 AM

JH

“ *We will miss Grubbs so very much and have since his move to Washington. It was always a privilege to hear him give a talk and bear his testimony of Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ in that deep resonating voice he was blessed with. It is a blessing to know that he can now see and hear clearly! We love Grubbs very much. Our prayers and thoughts are with Joye and all of his family.*



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**Janell Hill** - April 20, 2019 at 05:21 PM

JT

“ *Bill Grubbs touched so many lives and was an example to the very end. It always warmed my heart to see him at the Dallas Temple. He always had a big smile on his face.*

*I will miss him and will keep Joye and their family in my prayers.*

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**Jan Taylor** - April 20, 2019 at 04:54 PM

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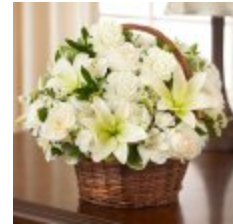
“ *A sad loss for family and friends but a life well lived.  
Janet (Grubbs) Sartor*

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**Janet (Grubbs) Sartor** - April 20, 2019 at 05:19 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of William (Bill) Edward Grubbs.*



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April 18, 2019 at 02:15 PM